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狗神――欲望を苗床に育ち、人を人で無くさせる呪い。例えそれが「愛情」という欲望であっても――……。

大狗神破矢太狼

大狗神滅灰

月は欲望に応え、男は力を手に入れる。愛の復讐の力を手に、戦いに赴く――。血煙舞う衝撃の和風伝奇譚、激動の第参巻。

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人を襲う獣人「狗神憑き」となってしまった一族の者を、容赦なく斬りふせる事を使命とする家系「狗神筋」。その当代巫女・犬上サクヤは、自分の運命を受け入れつつも、自ら狗に身を落とすことに嫌悪感を抱いているのだった。

その出自から、酷いいじめを受けていた幼少期のサクヤ。固く閉ざしていた心を解きほぐしたのが、少年・甲斐名だった。彼はサクヤを守る事を誓い、サクヤは彼の笑顔を守る為に戦う事を誓う。しかし、成長した二人を引き裂いたのは、強すぎた「二人の想い」そのものだった。サクヤを守る力を欲した甲斐名は、呪いに侵され狗神憑きへと変貌。サクヤは自らの使命を…他の誰でもない、自分自身の手で甲斐名を葬る事を決意したのだが…。

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TL NOTE: "AKAZUKIN" HERE MEANS "CRIMSON RIDING HOOD"
AFTER SAKUYA CHASED AFTER "NANAFUSHI" OF THE ANCIENT DOGS OF YATSUFUSA... SHE CAME INTO CONTACT WITH THE OTHER ANCIENT DOGS GATHERED TOGETHER AS WELL AS THE ONE LEADING THEM... THE ONE CALLED "AKAZUKIN"
WHILE HAVING JUST BARELY SUPPRESSED "NANAFUSHI," IT WOULD SEEM THAT KAINA OF THE YATSUFUSA THEN IMPEDED HER PATH AND AND CAME TO IMPEDE HER PATH AS THE OTHERS WITHDREW.
AS WE DO NOT KNOW THE STRENGTH OF THE ENEMY I HAVE DEEMED IT DANGEROUS TO COMBAT AGAINST THE ANCIENT DOGS ON ONE'S OWN
SHIRACHIGO "AKAZUKIN" ...
AS SUCH, FROM NOW ON I SHALL ABSTAIN FROM SAKUYA WORKING ALONE AND TASK YOU TWO WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY OF AT LEAST ONE OF YOU PROVIDING HER AID
HMPF

CHAPTER 12
FLIGHT

AAH... YOU'RE WONDERFUL... "RAKUYOU" ...
HAA
AH
I WANT TO STAY LIKE THIS FOREVER ...
AH
AAH ... AH
AS I AM, I WOULDN'T HAVE ANY COMPLAINTS IF YOU KILLED ME RIGHT NOW... AAH ...
AS DO I... KANAE
DON'T SAY SUCH THINGS... KANAE...
I HAVE ALREADY... OVERCOME THE SOUND OF THE MOON... SO IT'S FINE...
IT WILL BE FINE ...

QUIVER ...
QUIVER ...
A LITTLE MORE TO THE... NORTH... THEN TO THE EAST ...
I CAN SEE... AN ABANDONED HOSPITAL
ヒュルルル…!
ヒュルルル…!
ACCORDING TO THE "FARSIGHT" OF MY GREAT INUGAMI, "HAYATAROU"
HE IS THERE
GOTCHA... SO THAT'S WHERE "RAKUYOU" IS, HUH
PRESENT DAY PRIESTESS OF THE "INUO" INUGAMI BRANCH HOUSE
INUO YUZURI

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ゴゴゴゴ…
HEH... I'LL BURN HIM TO ASH WITH MY GREAT INUGAMI'S FLAME CURSE
RIGHT, "MEKKAI" ?
PRESENT DAY PRIESTESS OF THE "INUNAKA" INUGAMI BRANCH HOUSE INUNAKA MAKI
HUHU... THAT SOUNDS MOST PROMISING
HOWEVER, OUR OPPONENT IS AN "ANCIENT DOG" THAT HAS LIVED FOR MORE THAN 70 YEARS
THOUGH HE MAY NOT BE OF THE LINEAGE OF THE ANCIENT DOGS OF THE "YATSUFUSA" WE MUST NOT LET OUR GUARD DOWN
"ANCIENT DOGS" ... SO THEY'RE THE INUGAMI POSSESSIONS THAT IF THEY LIVE LONG ENOUGH THEY'RE ABLE TO MAKE SOUND OF THE MOON THEIR OWN AND GAIN A "POWER" ... HUH
WELL THAT GOES FOR US, TOO, RIGHT? I DON'T PLAN ON LOSIN' ...
OH RIGHT... ONE OF US IS STILL USING "EARPLUGS," HUH
MY BAD, MY BAD

RIGHT... PRINCESS FROM THE MAIN HOUSE?
HMPF
AH
COULD I PLEASE ASK THAT YOU REFRAIN FROM TEASING MILADY TOO MUCH...
I AM... SORRY
INDEED ...
.....

HUH?!
IT'S BECAUSE SOMEONE LIKE YOU HAS BEEN PAMPERING HER ALL THIS TIME THAT SHE'S TURNED OUT THIS WAY, YAE!!
ALL YOU INUMORIS HAVE TO DO IS KEEP YOUR MOUTHS SHUT AND BACK US UP, YA RETARD!!
EEEK... I-I'M SORRY ...
WELL... AFTER HER HAVING BROUGHT US HERE THAT IS A RATHER CRUEL THING TO SAY... MAKI
YOU HAVE MY THANKS, YAE. WE SHALL CONTINUE ON FROM HERE ON FOOT.
THIS TIME WE SHALL AID HER SO FEEL FREE TO GO HOME AND TURN IN FOR THE NIGHT
YE... YE-HESS ...
THANK YOU, YAE-SAN
LET US BE OFF, SAKUYA-SAN
RIGHT

But... why do we gotta babysit the princess from the main house?
It would be one thing if it was just you two... But if it's like this, I'd seriously prefer it if I went solo
Oh honestly ...
Thinking it is one thing... but you should not say such a thing out loud... Maki...
But it's just that... I get the feeling that the sound of the moon wasn't a big deal when we were that age, you know?
I mean, we had already mastered our great Inugamis by that age, too ...
It is not something you should condemn and scare her for
Everyone has had a period in their lives where they were lacking in experience ...
But... it would be troublesome... if that were always the case... though
You really freak me out, you know...

IT LOOKS LIKE THEY ...
HATE YOU...
.....
スズ
.....
I CAN'T STAND THE IDEA OF THEM EVEN UNDER-ESTIMATING ME, THOUGH
THOSE TWO ARE MY SENIORS AFTER ALL
IT'S TRUE THAT I AM INEXPERI-ENCED...
INDEED, THERE IS NOTHING TO BE DONE ABOUT IT
GUAAA... WHY... YOU...
SUPPRESS!
A FOOL, WHY YOU-
STOP THAT, YOU FOOL!!
HOLD ON...
SHALL I GO THREATEN THEM? THOSE GIRLS' GREAT INUGAMIS I MEAN!
IF YOU GIVE ME THE WORD I WILL AT LEAST BE ABLE TO GET A BITE AT THEM, YOU KNOW?!
OH HONESTLY ...
HM?

IT'S THE RUINS
ALL RIGHT
THIS TIME WE'LL BACK YOU UP
SAKUYA, YOU'LL BE THE ONE TO LEAD US
HM... UNDER-STOOD
LET'S SEE... THEN
I'LL TAKE THE FRONT ENTRANCE ...
MAKI-SAN WILL TAKE THE BACK ENTRANCE ...
AND YUZURI-SAN WILL-
ひら ひら
?

DO NOT WORRY YOURSELF
USING "HAYATAROU'S" CLONE... USING WHAT YOU SEE HERE, I WILL BE ABLE TO GRASP THE SITUATION
AH, SEEING AS HOW I AM A REAR GUARD I WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE.
I WILL JUST ASSUME THAT POSITION
AH... UUH... THEN... WE WILL GO WITH THAT...
I... I WILL
IF YOU WISH FOR MY SUPPORT THEN PLEASE BE SURE TO FIGHT NEAR A WINDOW
THEN... LET'S GO

ピク…
RAKU-YOU?
ムク
SO THEY HAVE COME …
GRRR…

病院
ズッ
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SO THAT IS WHERE YOU WERE...
YOU DID WELL IN DODGING THAT...
.....
!

LEAVE ...
.....
"RAKU-YOU"
I AM HERE TO SUPPRESS YOU
IF I HAD A CHOICE I WOULD PREFER TO END THIS WITHOUT KILLING YOU...
NOW THAT I LOOK AT YOU YOU ARE STILL A YOUNG GIRL...
WHAT?
I WILL NEVER FALL INTO MADNESS OR INDISCRIMINANTLY KILL PEOPLE EVER AGAIN!
OVER THE YEARS I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO OVERCOME THE SOUND OF THE MOON

ATTACK PEOPLE WITHOUT EXCEPTION ...
THE INUGAMI POSSESSIONS I KNOW
NO...
.....!?

COULD BELIEVE YOU
AS IF I...

IT WAS FOR HER SAKE AS WELL THAT I SUPPRESSED MY DESTRUCTIVE IMPULSES... OVERCAME THE SOUND OF THE MOON... AND GOT MY HUMANITY BACK!
BUT! EVEN SO, I HAD A WOMAN WHO LOVED ME
INDEED, MY BODY IS CURSED. EVEN IF I RAN AWAY FROM THE OOFURU FOREST NOTHING WILL CHANGE THAT...

Will you still slay me... Even if I have reclaimed my humanity?!
Love is but another desire as well... While I love her dearly I have not changed much from my beastly form, but
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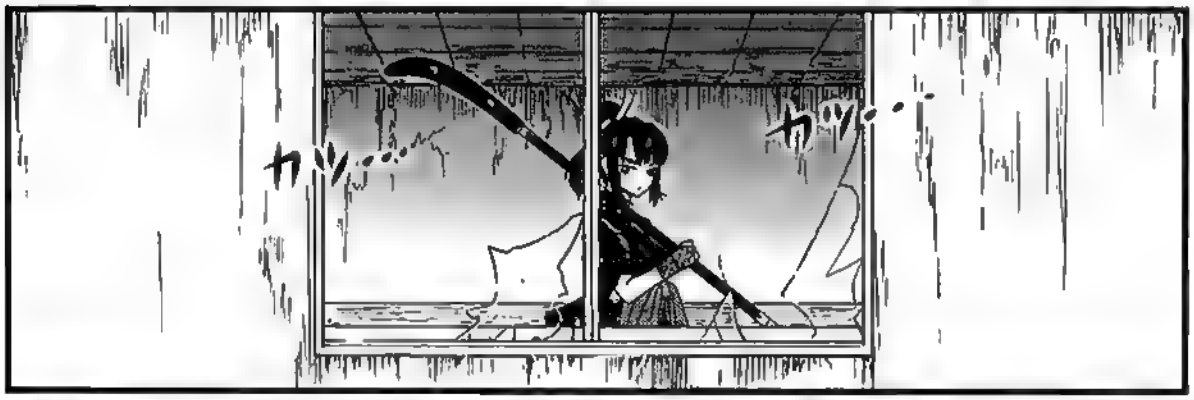
Hu... Then, isn't it you all-
Who are the "murderers"?
.....!

YOU'RE WRONG!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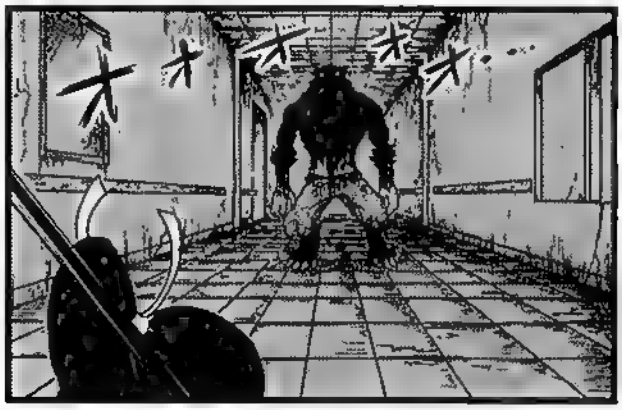
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SO YOU'RE "RAKUYOU," HUH?
TO THINK THAT I'D BE UNABLE TO FEEL YOUR PRESENCE …
……

LEAVE
HELL NO
HU... CAN YOU EVEN SWING SOMETHING THAT LONG IN THIS PASSAGEWAY?
DON'T UNDER-ESTIMATE ME YOU DAMN BEAST!!
IT'S A BREEZE, YA RETARD!

WHAT?!
MAKI...
YUZURI!
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
HE TURNED INTO DEAD LEAVES AND DISAP-PEARED?!

THOSE ARE MORE THAN LIKELY "RAKUYOU'S" CLONES...
I HAVE ALSO SHOT DOWN THREE OF THEM BUT NEITHER OF THEM WERE THE "MAIN BODY"
THREE L OF THEM?
TSK
I SEE NOW, SO THIS IS THE "POWER OF THE MOON" HE'S GOT, HUH
WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS "ANCIENT DOG" ...
GUESS I'LL GO LOOK FOR THE "MAIN BODY" ... AH, WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS! THIS IS SUCH A PAIN IN THE ASS
SO THAT'S WHY ...
"MEKKAI"-!!
BURN THEM ALL TO ASH!!

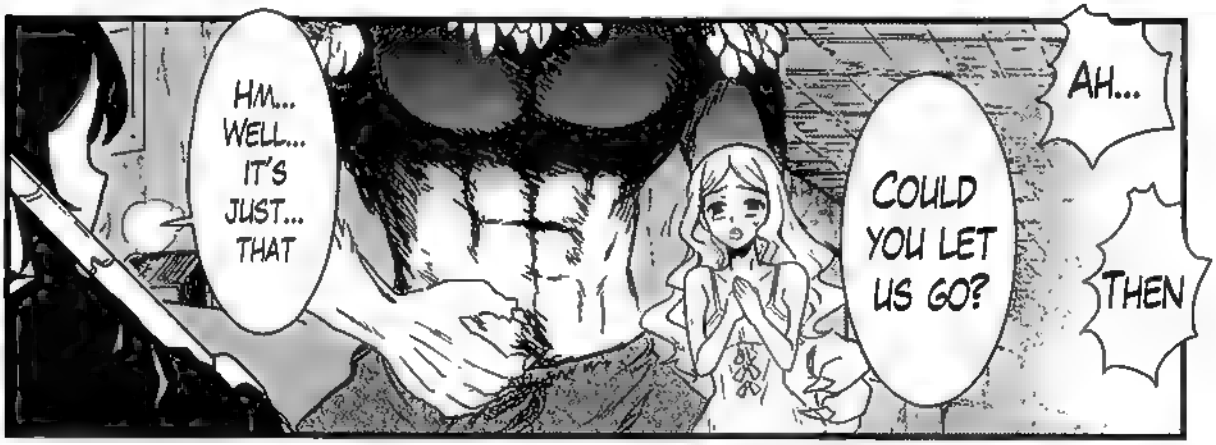
EXTER-
MINATING
FLAME
GALE!!
LOOKS LIKE THERE'S SOMEONE WHO'S PRETTY FLASHY...
WE'RE GOING TO GO AHEAD AND MAKE OUR ESCAPE NOW. HOLD ON TIGHT, KANAE
RIGHT

I'M COUNTING ON YOU, MY CLONES
IT'S LIKE MAGIC
UHUHU...
HU... YOU THINK SO?
!!

KU... IT LOOKS WE FOUND YOU...
CLONES ... HM?
!
HMPF ...
SO YOU ARE THAT INTENT... ON KILLING ME, HUH
HAD YUZURI-SAN NOT TOLD US ABOUT THAT YOU WOULD HAVE SLIPPED RIGHT BY US...
STOP!
DON'T KILL HIM!

HU... MAN...
HE IS... HUMAN ...
HE MAY LOOK LIKE AN ANIMAL BUT HE'S NO DIFFERENT FROM A HUMAN!
HE WON'T ATTACK ANYONE ANYMORE!
YOU HAVE SOMEONE YOU LOVE, TOO, DON'T YOU?
PLEASE! DON'T KILL THE ONE I LOVE...
OI, OI, TALK ABOUT A WET BLANKET
YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT LOVE?
SOMEONE I LOVE...

AND HERE I WAS THINKIN' JUST BURNIN' HIM... BUT NOW...
I... HMMM ...
MAKI-SA...
MY... IT IS ONE OF HER BAD HABITS AGAIN...


AH...
COULD YOU LET US GO?
THEN
HM... WELL... IT'S JUST... THAT

I'M A GIRL, TOO, SO... IT'S NOT LIKE I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU'RE COMING FROM
GO ON AHEAD...

UHUHU, ISN'T THAT GREAT?
RAKUYOU!
YES...
はぁ
OH... MAKI ...
YOU'RE SUCH A HOPELESS GIRL...
AH...
SO THIS IS A CHOICE WE CAN MAKE AS WELL...
I'M REALLY GLAD THAT YOU'RE... A NICE PERS-
AH... UMM
THANK YOU...

KA...
NA...

E...

HE'S KILLED 30 PEOPLE, YOU KNOW?

THERE'S NO WAY WE COULD JUST LET HIM GO, COULD WE?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA HOW MANY PEOPLE HE'S KILLED UNTIL NOW?

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN "INUGAMI POSSESSION" THAT CAN BE FORGIVEN!

YA RETARD!!

AS IF I'D LET THAT HAPPEN

SUPPRESS!

YOU MUUUURDERERS
AAAAAAAH...
.....

AAAAAAH

AS I THOUGHT
WE REALLY ARE-
AAAAAH...

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YOU CAN LET ME GO ON FROM HERE...
VERY WELL ...
FORGIVE ME
HITOE
UM...
PLEASE BE CAREFUL
ACCORDING TO SAKUYA'S STORY, THE GIRL THAT WAS ACCOMPANIED BY THE ANCIENT DOGS OF THE YATSUFUSA...
APPARENTLY INTRODUCED HERSELF AS "SHIRACHIGO"
"SHIRACHIGO" ...
I FOUND THAT WORD IN THE INUGAMI FAMILY'S ANCIENT TEXTS, BUT...
IS IT REALLY TRUE?

第13話
INNER CONFLICT GIRL FIRST PART

"SHIRACHIGO" HAS ASSEMBLED THE "YATSUFUSA" ... IT CANNOT JUST BE A COINCIDENCE
AND IF THAT IS SO, THEN THEIR NEXT OBJECTIVE IS...
AH...
IT HAS BEEN A LONG TIME, "FUURAI"
MY HUSBAND -

IS... THAT... YOU... MUIHANA ?
……!
THAT FORM ...
IT APPEARS AS THOUGH YOU ARE STILL AT WAR WITH YOURSELF AND THE FULL MOON...
HUU... IT IS NOT THAT EASY TO OVERCOME... YOU SEE...
I HAVE ALWAYS PREPARED MYSELF FOR BEING SUPPRESSED
FUURAI... AS LONG AS YOU CONTINUE BEING AT WAR WITH YOURSELF MY BLADE WOULD ONLY BECOME DULL IF I WERE TO SUPPRESS YOU NOW...
……
MY HAVING NOT SUPPRESSED YOU 17 YEARS AGO WAS ALSO DUE TO MY NAIVE ...
HOWEVER-

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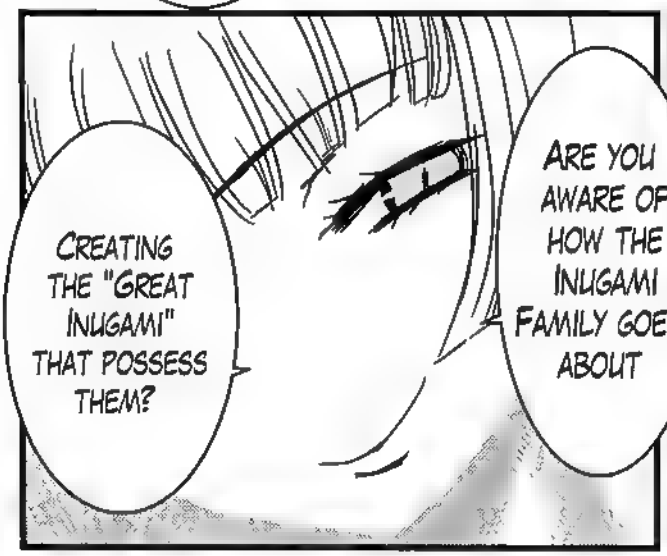
♪
THOSE WHO ARE LOOKING FOR YOU AS THE "YATSUFUSA" HAVE APPEARED-
I HAVE AN EXCEPTIONALLY BAD FEELING ABOUT THIS
HM...
ARE YOU ALL REALLY GOING TO GO TO TOWN LOOKING LIKE THAT AGAIN?

HANEMARU
HMPF, DO NOT GET THE WRONG IMPRESSION
ITS JUST FOR CRIMSON RIDING HOOD'S USUAL "ERRAND," YOU KNOW
WELL, WHEN WE COME BACK WE MIGHT EVEN BRING GIRLS ALONG, TOO
I'LL BE GOIN' TOGETHER WITH THAT TIGHTASS OVER THERE
WE'RE EVEN GETTING YOUR GUYS' SHARES SEEING AS HOW YOU CAN'T GO BACK TO HUMAN FORM
UNLIKE ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE DISCARDED YOUR HUMANITY, I AM MORE "HUMAN" THAN ANYONE!
I AM ONLY DOING THIS FOR THE SAKE OF CREATING A COUNTRY FOR "INUGAMI POSSESSIONS"
HANABISHI
FOR THE SAKE OF CREATIN' A "COUNTRY" ... YOU'RE A REAL RIOT, HANABISHI
HIHAHAHAHA
WHAT WAS THAT?
COMRADES ?
COME NOW... YOU TWO ARE COMRADES SO DON'T FIGHT...
DO YOU WANT TO DIE?
HUH? YOU WANNA GO?

OH MY, KAINA, JUST WAIT A MOMENT
THERE WE... ARE
HM?
WHAT... IS THAT?
IS THAT "NANA-FUSHI'S" HEAD?
UHUHU... INDEED, THIS IS NANAFUSHI'S HEAD
WOULD YOU SAY THAT I DID WELL IN MENDING HIM?
"INUGAMI POSSESSIONS" ... ESPECIALLY THE ANCIENT DOGS OF THE YATSUFUSA WILL NOT PERISH SO EASILY...
ALTHOUGH, IT WOULD PROBABLY BE MORE ACCURATE TO SAY THAT HIS CONSCIOUSNESS... THAT THE "INUGAMI INSIDE" WILL NOT PERISH... SO EASILY
THAT IS WHY HE LIVES, THIS ONE CALLED "NANAFUSHI"
NANA-FUSHI ...
WASN'T HE THE ONE WHO WAS KILLED BY THAT GIRL NAMED SAKUYA?

You all, the "Yatsufusa," are those who will lead the Inugami Possessions after all
It would be troublesome were you all to die and vanish so easily


Are you aware of how the Inugami Family goes about
Creating the "Great Inugami" that possess them?

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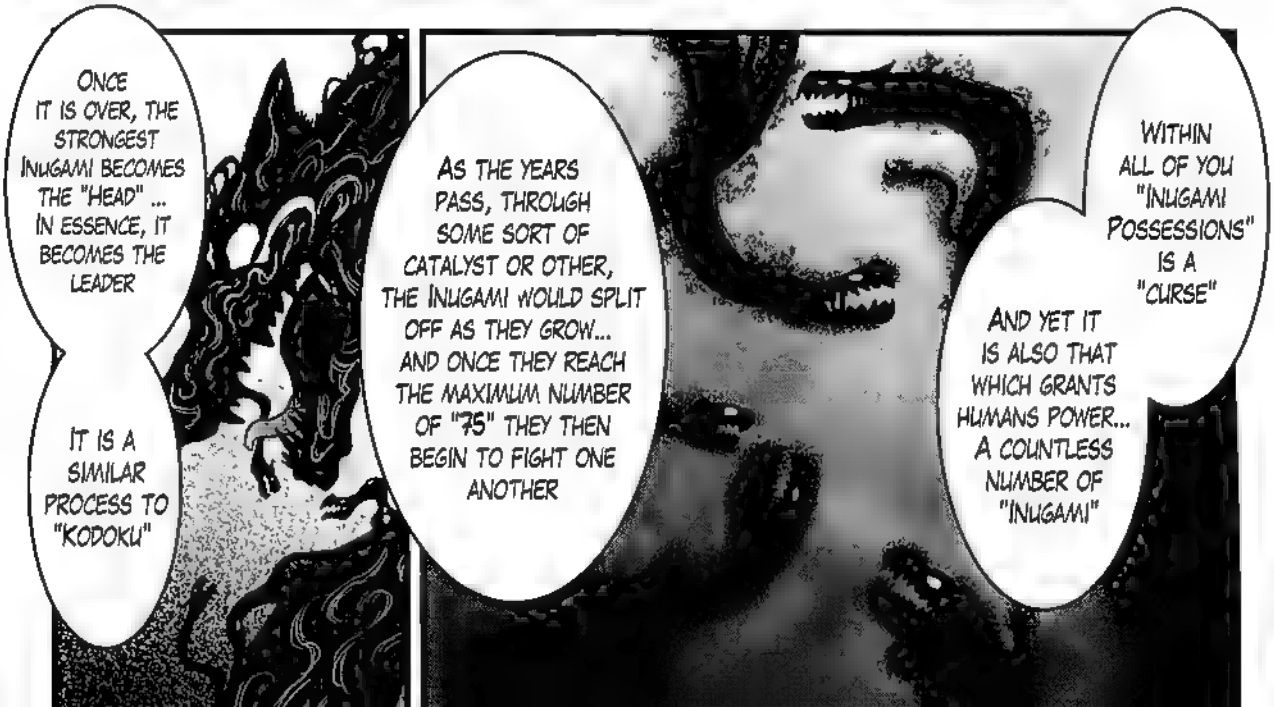
Within all of you "Inugami Possessions" is a "curse"
And yet it is also that which grants humans power... A countless number of "Inugami"
As the years pass, through some sort of catalyst or other, the Inugami would split off as they grow... and once they reach the maximum number of "75" they then begin to fight one another
Once it is over, the strongest Inugami becomes the "head" ... In essence, it becomes the leader
It is a similar process to "Kodoku"

AND CREATE THEIR "GREAT INUGAMI" BY WAY OF A "RITUAL"
THEY THEN CUT THE HEAD OF IT RIGHT OFF
THEN ONCE THE LEADER IS DECIDED, IT BECOMES THE PERSONALITY AND THE OTHER 74 INUGAMI SIMPLY BECOME ITS ARMS AND LEGS
SHOULD "THAT TIME" COME, THEY WILL WANT TO RESURRECT IT SO UNTIL THAT TIME COMES IT IS SIMPLY KEPT SHUT WITHIN A PRECIOUS, PRECIOUS "BOX"
IF LEFT UNATTENDED IT WILL NOT SUCCUMB TO DECAY
IT IS SAID THEN THAT THE INUGAMI BECOME AN "ANCIENT DOG" THAT TAKES THE POWER OF THE MOON FOR ITSELF.
AND BESIDES, THIS WHOLE "LEADING OTHERS" ... THING
UHUHU ...
I'M NOT AN "ANCIENT DOG" BUT I CAN'T SAY THAT I CAN'T SAY I'M NOT CREEPED OUT A LITTLE
.....
YOU WILL BE GOING WITH HANEMARU AND THE OTHERS AS WELL
NEVER-THELESS
AND I'LL ALSO PASS ON BEING A LIVING HEAD, TOO
IT'S JUST NOT ME

I WILL HAVE YOU GO ON MY "ERRAND" WITH HANEMARU, HANABISHI AND KOOROGI
YOU SHOULD GO TO A TOWN AND PUT UP SOME "FORESTS," TOO, ON OCCASION

IT'S A REAL WALK IN THE PARK
ALL SHE WANTS US TO DO IS PUT THESE UP IN HIGH PLACES WHERE THEY DON'T STICK OUT
SHE CALLS IT AN "ERRAND" BUT

OH
CUZ THE INUGAMI FAMILY WILL FIND... YA
YOU GUYS BETTER NOT BE TOO SHOWY WITH YOUR HUNTING EITHER
WELL, IT'S THE GIRL HUNTING THAT COMES AFTERWARDS THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO, PERSONALLY

HMPF... HE'S JUST LIKE A MONGREL, ISN'T HE ...
KORO-KORO
HIHAHAHA
THERE IT IS! THERE'S A TOWN!

Why are we going with these members?
Hmpf... Because you, Hanemaru and myself are the only ones who can return to human form... And because Koorogi can move covertly ...
That is the only reason why
In short, we "do no stand out"
There would be no point in putting up the "forests" if we're found and crushed by the Inugami Family, after all...
Don't hold me back, runt

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HUU
THIS GOOD ENOUGH ?
ボッ
しゅう…

CAN'T SAY I REALLY FEEL ANYTHING …
A TOWN, HUH…

チラ…
I'VE GOT NO CONNECTION TO ANYONE, OR ANYTHING, HERE
WELL, DOUBT I WOULD… FOR SOMEONE'S WHO'S A COMPLETE BLANK SLATE LIKE ME…

I BET THE OTHER YATSUFUSA GUYS ARE ATTACKING PEOPLE IN THESE BACK ALLEYS RIGHT ABOUT NOW
.....
...?
AM I STICKING OUT?
I GUESS I'LL GO MAKE MYSELF SCARE...
EEK...
EEK... HII...
EKKU...
MAMA
HIGUU...
KORO KORO- KORO...

EEEEK...
MAMA AAA
MAMA AA
CRY LOUDER FOR ME
KOROKOROKORO
REST ASSURED, LITTLE GIRL... YOU WILL BE JOINING YOUR MOTHER VERY SOON...
EGULU
UEEEH
EEK

KOOROGI
...
NOW... IT'S TIME
EEK
HMPF
I WILL HAVE YOU KNOW CHILDREN TASTE BEST
KYAA
AROUND THE THIGHS AND BUTTOCKS
NOOOO
HELP ...
HELP ME
THANKS FOR THE-
THAT'S A NICE VOICE YOU HAVE THERE

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AGUU

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KOO…

KORO-
RORORO
?!

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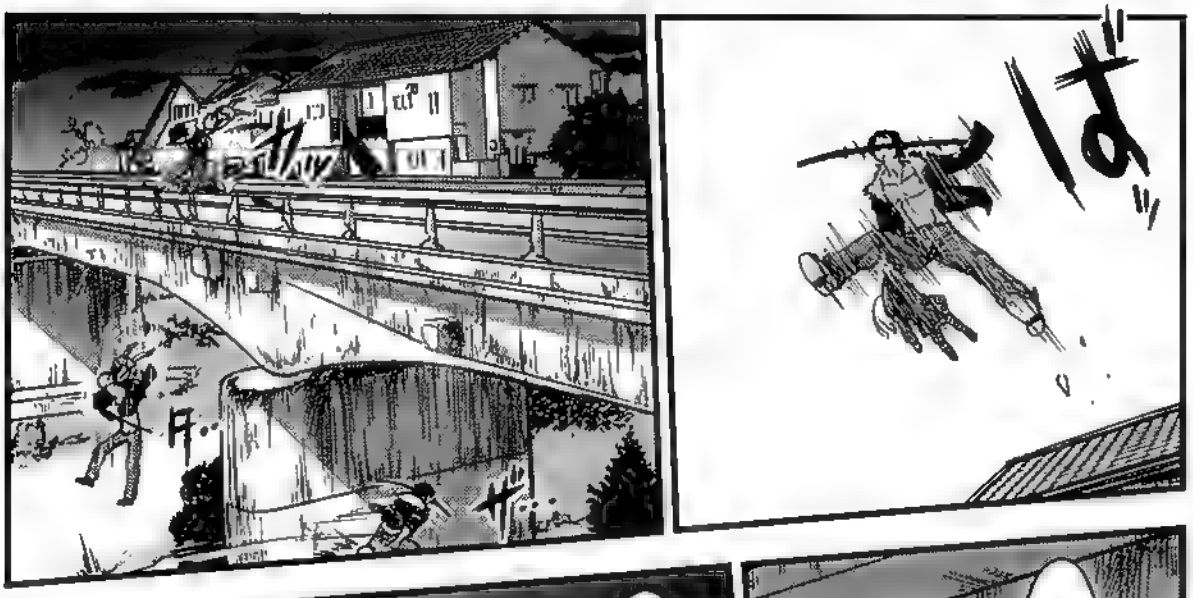
SUBSTI-
TUTION
TECHNIQUE
...
"PHANTOM
SELF"
JUST WHAT
WERE YOU
INTENDING
WHEN YOU
SUDDENLY CUT
ME DOWN,
RUNT?
.....
DON'T
KNOW...
I WONDER
...

HIUUU
...
HHN
HIGUU
...
I'M
SURPRISED,
TOO...

YOU KNOW!
HM...
HM ?!
WHERE'S THE CHILD?!
I WON'T FORGIVE YOU FOR SNATCHING HER FROM ME!!
MUG-!!!
SHIT

JUST WHAT AM I DOING ?!



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Huuu...
But, I couldn't ignore it
Huuu
Huuu... Huuu
My body just moved on it's own

WH...
WHO ARE YOU... ONII-CHAN?
DID YOU... SAVE ME?
.....
SHE KIND OF... LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE I KNOW-
I DON'T EVEN KNOW MYSELF...
WHO... KNOWS
THAT WAS ALL THAT I ENDED UP THINKING ABOUT

MY...
MY, MY...
HEEH ...
HMMM ...
YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING RATHER INTERESTING
KAINA...

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第14話
EH?
KAINA?
I DON'T KNOW WHERE HE IS
EH? HE TOOK YOUR PREY FROM YOU?
.....
I BET HE'S JUST GONNA SAVE HER FOR DESSERT

KAINA?
WHY DON'T YOU GO ASK THAT HARDASS (HANABISHI) OVER IN THAT DIRECTION?
BUT MORE IMPORTANLY, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF HUNTING HERE SO DON'T GET IN MY WAY
カア…

I KNOW NOT WHERE HE IS
THAT RUNT TOOK YOUR PREY FROM YOU?
KUKUU... IT WOULD SEEM THAT HIS BEING MORE SKILLED THAN NANAFUSHI IS NO LIE AFTER ALL
WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THAT WAS THE EXTENT OF YOUR ABILITIES WHEN YOU ARE NOT PARTNERED UP WITH NANAFUSHI
WILL THAT BE ALL THEN?
I AM BUSY WITH INCREASING OUR RANKS... SO BEGONE!
GRRR
THIS IS UNFORGIV-ABLE!
I WON'T ACCEPT THIS!
I WILL NOT...
ACCEPT THIS, KAINAAAA

第14話 INNER CONFLICT GIRL LAST PART

HEY... WHERE'S MOM?
WHAT HAPPENED... TO MOM?
.....
YOUR MOM WON'T BE COMING BACK...
YOU WON'T SEE HER EVER AGAIN...
UEEE ...
HHN ...

THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WRONG WITH ME...

HIEEEE

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WHY DID I BOTHER TAKING THIS GIRL FROM THAT ANCIENT DOG?

EVEN I KNOW I'M ASKING TOO MUCH HERE...
I DON'T CRY, SO YOU SHOULDN'T CRY EITHER ...

QUIT CRYING!
I'VE GOT NO ONE MUCH LESS A MOM

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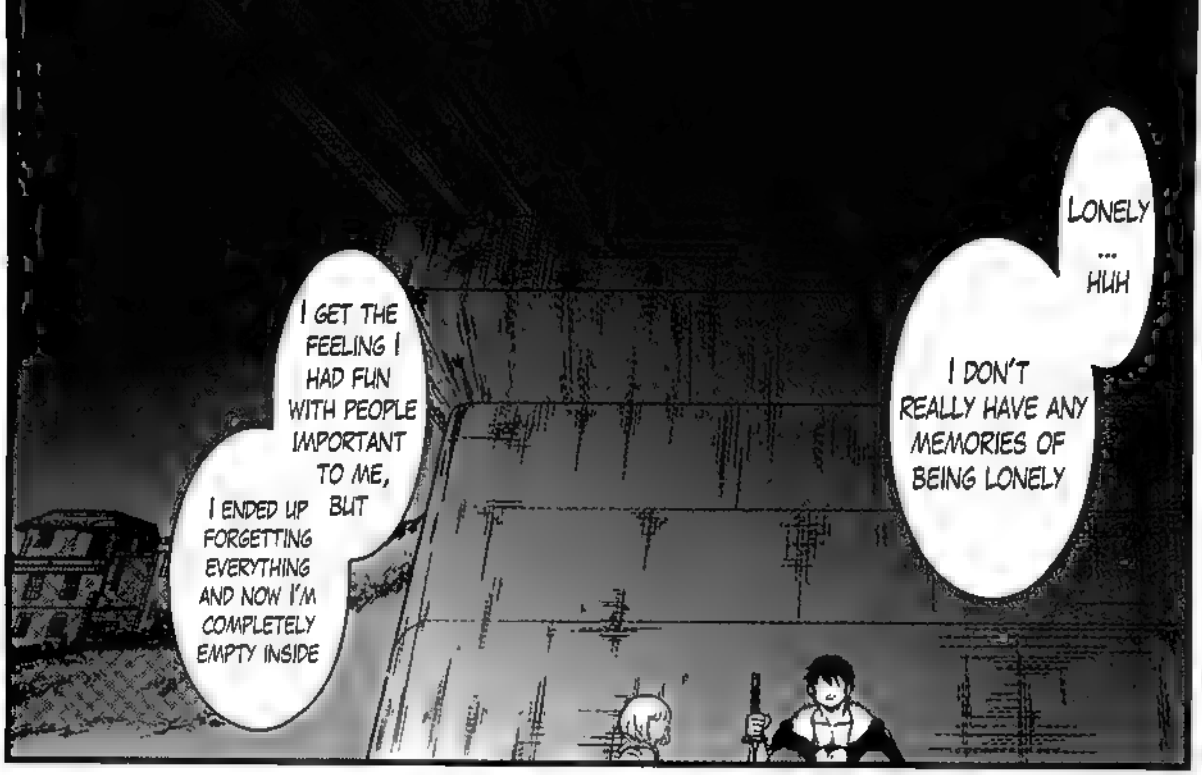
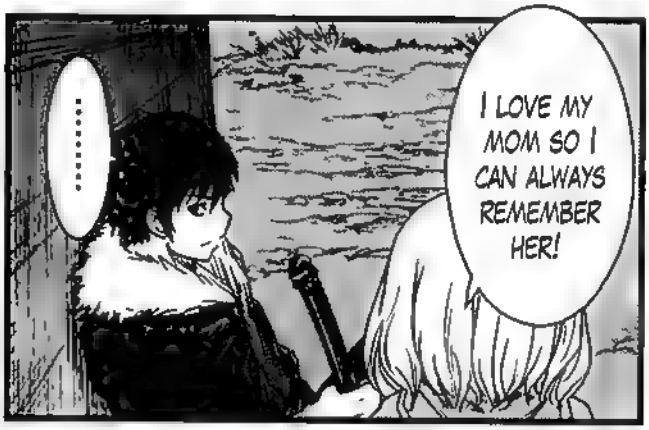
AREN'T YOU LONELY, ONII-CHAN ?


LONELY ... HUH
I DON'T REALLY HAVE ANY MEMORIES OF BEING LONELY
I GET THE FEELING I HAD FUN WITH PEOPLE IMPORTANT TO ME, BUT I ENDED UP FORGETTING EVERYTHING AND NOW I'M COMPLETELY EMPTY INSIDE


I LOVE MY MOM SO I CAN ALWAYS REMEMBER HER!
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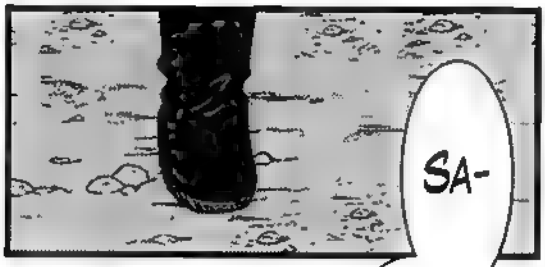
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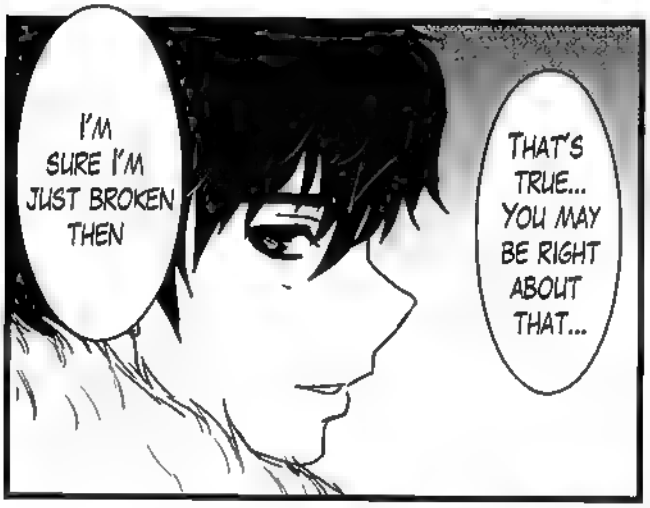
SAYING THAT YOU'RE EMPTY IS WEIRD!
IF SOMEONE'S IMPORTANT TO YOU THEN THEY WILL ALWAYS STAY IN YOUR HEART, THAT'S WHAT MOM SAID!


THAT'S TRUE... YOU MAY BE RIGHT ABOUT THAT...
I'M SURE I'M JUST BROKEN THEN

YOU'RE WRONG ...
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I'M COLD ...
OH YEAH, I WAS SO SCARED I PEED MYSELF...
MY TIGHTS ARE COLD ...

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OKAY LIKE THIS? WHY AM I ABLE TO
GULP
KEEP MYSELF FROM EATING PEOPLE?
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IT'S SO WARM
WHY AM I...

BUT THAT'S PROBABLY -
I'M ABLE TO GET BY WITH JUST EATING WILD PLANTS AND ANIMALS
IT SEEMS LIKE I GOT LUCKY BECAUSE MY URGE TO EAT PEOPLE IS WEAKER THAN OTHER "INUGAMI POSSESSIONS"
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SHI-

AN EXPLO-SION ?!
WHAT WAS THAT ?!
KUU
I FINALLY FOUND YOOOOOU!!

SO THAT EXPLOSION WAS YOURS
FOR A NINJA YOU'RE NOT ALL THAT SUBTLE
DIDN'T CRIMSON RIDING HOOD TELL US TO "NOT STAND OUT" ?
HMPF
I DO NOT CARE, BEFORE I WORRY ABOUT STANDING OUT, I AM GOING TO KILL YOU FIRST FOR BETRAYING ME...
I WON'T LET YOU GET AWAAAAY!
Flame Technique [Enji]!

BETRAY YOU?
I DON'T REMEMBER BEING ONE OF YOU TO BEGIN WITH
IT'S HOT
KAINAAA, I'LL NEVER FORGIVE YOU...
AND I DON'T JUST MEAN FOR TAKING THAT CHILD, EITHER...

EVEN MORE SKILLED THAN NANAFUSHI
I WILL NEVER ACCEPT IT... THAT THIS RUNT IS

USING HIS NANAGIRI IAI TECHNIQUE AND MY

EVER SINCE THE BAKUMATSU PERIOD, HE AND I PARTNERED TOGETHER MANY TIMES TO DO JOBS

YAGUSA NINJUTSU WE WOULD ASSASSINATE IMPORTANT PEOPLE TIME AND TIME AGAIN..

HOWEVER... BECAUSE OF YOU, EVERY ONE NOW LOOKS DOWN UPON NANAFUSHI'S SKILL AS A SWORDSMAN AND THAT IS ONE THING I CANNOT BEAR!
EVEN MORE SO THAN "NANAFUSHI" WHO WAS CUT INTO PIECES
HOWEVER, HE IS SKILLED
IN OUR UNDERWORLD TRADE... WE HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO SLAY OUR ENEMIES...

Clone Technique... Mayohiga!!!
I WILL PROVE TO YOU RIGHT HERE AND NOW THAT NANAFUSHI'S SKILL WITH THE SWORD IS SUPERIOR TO YOURS!!
KOROKORO!! THIS IS THE "POWER OF THE MOON" OF AN ANCIENT DOG! ! BE SURE TO GET A GOOD LOOK AT IT!!
A SUBSTITUTION TECHNIQUE... AND A CLONE TECHNIQUE... THIS GUY'S ONE MAJOR PAIN IN THE ASS
#17
SHUT YOUR EYES
EEH?
AH... O... OKAY

KOROKORO!! WHAT IS WITH THAT STANCE?!
THERE ARE SIX OF ME!!
YOU CANNOT POSSIBLY SEE THROUGH THEM AND FIND THE REAL ME
I WILL NOW FIND AN OPENING AND USE THESE CLAWS LACED WITH THE DOG-SLAYING POISON, "MUSHIBAMI," ON YOU!!
THIS FIGHT ENDED FOR YOU THE INSTANT I USED THIS TECHNIQUE ...
KOROKORO... THIS IS A TECHNIQUE THAT NOT EVEN NANAFUSHI COULD SEE THROUGH!!

THERE ARE TIMES WHERE... FRAGMENTS OF MY MEMORY COME BACK TO ME
IT WAS AT SOMETIME AND SOMEPLACE ...
WHERE I WAS FIGHTING "SOMEONE" -
KAINA-
GARY-UUKEN ...
IF I REMEMBER IT RIGHT... THIS WAS A TECHNIQUE "THAT PERSON" USED...

Reverse Kasaya Jizuki
[Improvised-] !!
HA, HE GOT THE WRONG ONE!!
CARVING HIS SWORD INTO THE GROUND, WHAT A CRUDE TECHNIQUE!!
KORO-KORO!

!?
IF I CAN'T SEE THROUGH THEM
THEN I'LL JUST HAVE TO BEAT EACH ONE UNTIL I FIND YOU...
HE DISPATCHED ALL OF MY CLONES WITH ROCKS?!
WAS THAT WHAT HE WAS AFTER FROM THE VERY BEGINNING?!
GRRRRR

FENRIR!!
NANA...
FUSHI
...
AAAH
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FOR...GIVE...ME...

IT'S OVER
NOW GO TO THOSE PEOPLE OVER THERE AND GET SOME HELP...
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YOU BETTER KEEP OUT OF THIS NEIGHBORHOOD FOR A WHILE
ALL RIGHT ...

ONII-CHAN!

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SEE YOU... ONII-CHAN

I'M SURE YOU WILL REMEMBER THEM!! THE PEOPLE IMPORTANT TO YOU!!
YOU'RE NOT BROKEN AT ALL!!
I'M NOT EMPTY AT ALL... HUH
HUU...
YOU'RE NOT EMPTY AT ALL!!
THAT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE SO NICE, ONII-CHAN!
IT WOULD BE NICE... IF THAT WERE TRUE

MY
YOU HAVE DONE IT NOW, HAVEN'T YOU, KAINA...
H...
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CRIMSON RIDING HOOD... SINCE WHEN DID SHE APPEAR?!
WHY DID YOU DO SUCH A THING, EMPTY-KUN?
DID I SAY THAT YOU COULD SLAY KOOROGI?

AND YET YOU COMMIT SUCH AN ARBITRARY ACT... WHAT A NAUGHTY BOY YOU ARE...
THE REASON WHY YOU DO NOT HAVE TO FEAST ON HUMANS...
IS BECAUSE I OFFER YOU MY FLESH AND BLOOD, YOU KNOW?

YOU DID LEAVE HIS HEAD BEAUTIFULLY INTACT... AFTER ALL
WELL
I WILL FORGIVE YOU THIS TIME

SHE'S FORGIVING ME FOR KILLING ONE OF THE YATSUFUSA?
WHAT'S HER ANGLE?
OH YES... THIS IS TO BE KEPT A SECRET FROM THE OTHER PUPS, ALL RIGHT?
LET'S SEE, WE WILL SAY THAT HE WAS SLAIN BY ONE OF THE INUGAMI FAMILY
YOU AND I FEEL THE SAME THINGS
THAT IS WHY I WILL FORGIVE YOU BUT NEXT TIME I WOULD LIKE YOU TO ACT MORE PRUDENTLY
.....!?
HUHU
IF YOU SAY THAT YOU ARE EMPTY INSIDE THEN I WILL FILL THE VOID FOR YOU...
BE MY ONE AND ONLY "SWORD"
WON'T YOU?
AAH... SHIT, IT'S NO GOOD...

My
You seem unable to contain yourself ...
Such a helpless child, I suppose we will just have to do it here...
しゅる...
Ever since "that time," whenever I smell her blood, I become unable to think of anything at all
Very well...
Huuu...
Huu
Now do as you always do
I can't fight it-
And use me to fill the "void" within yourself...
Kaina

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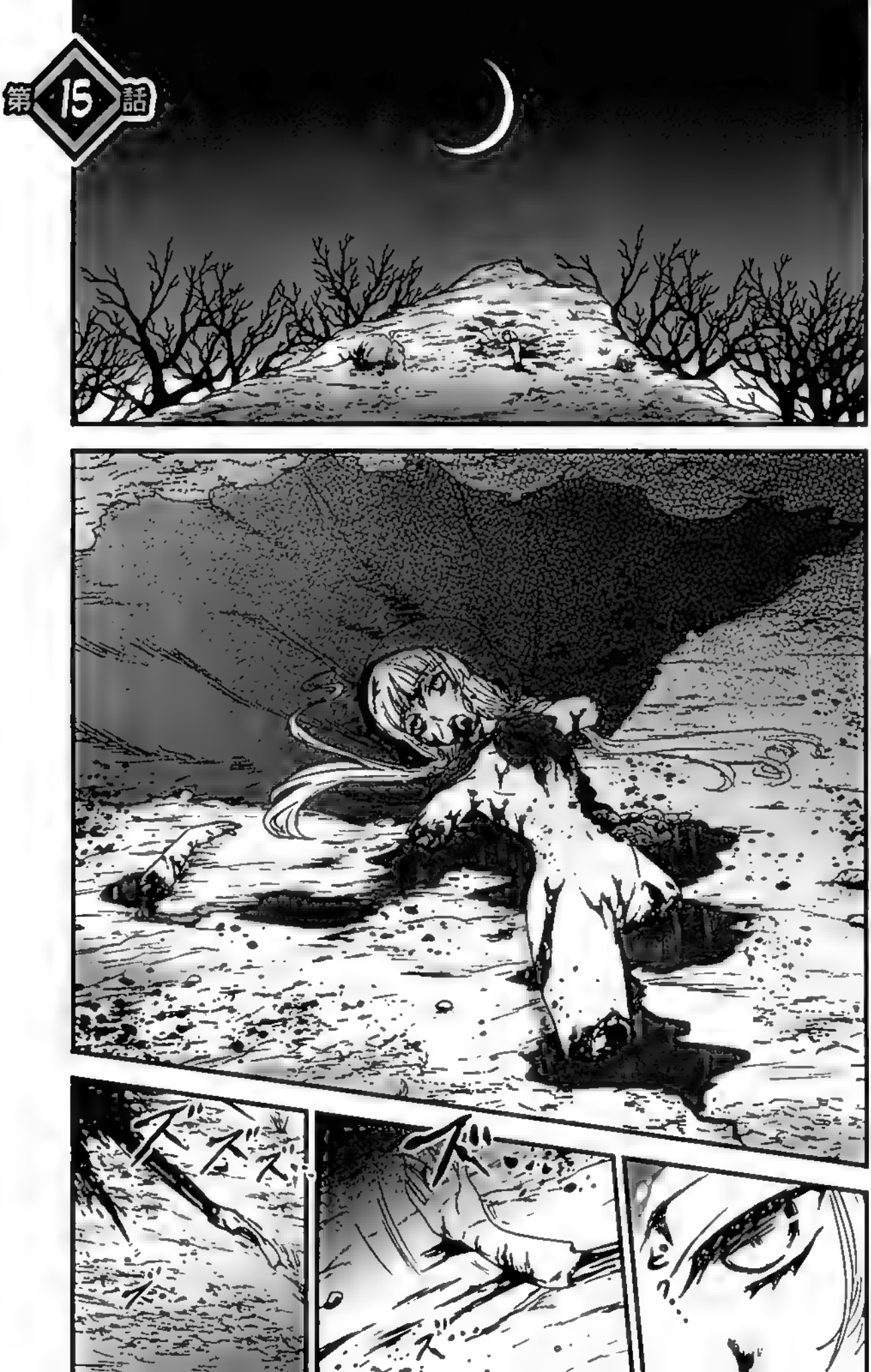
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HUU ...
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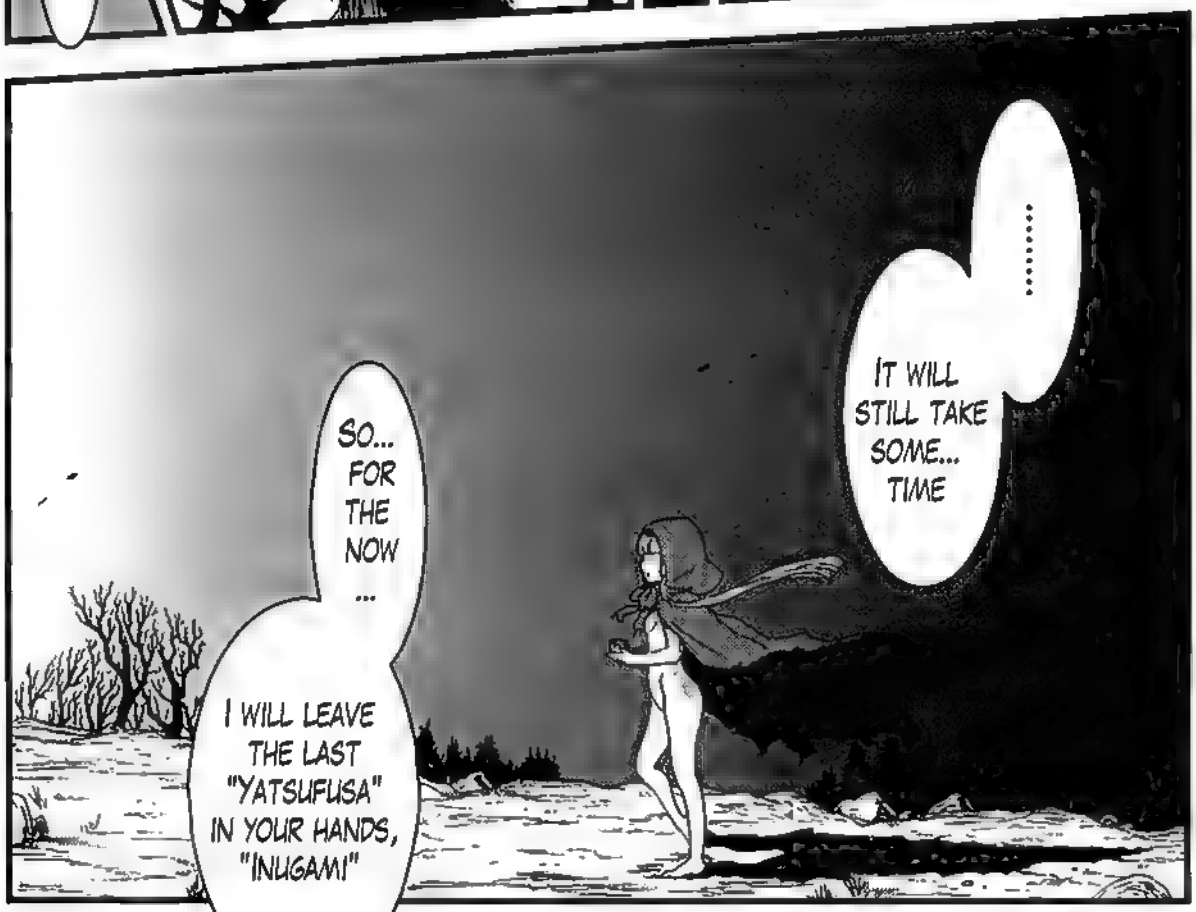
OH KAINA ...
YOU NAUGHTY BOY... YOU... FEASTED ON ME... SO MESSILY ...
AGAIN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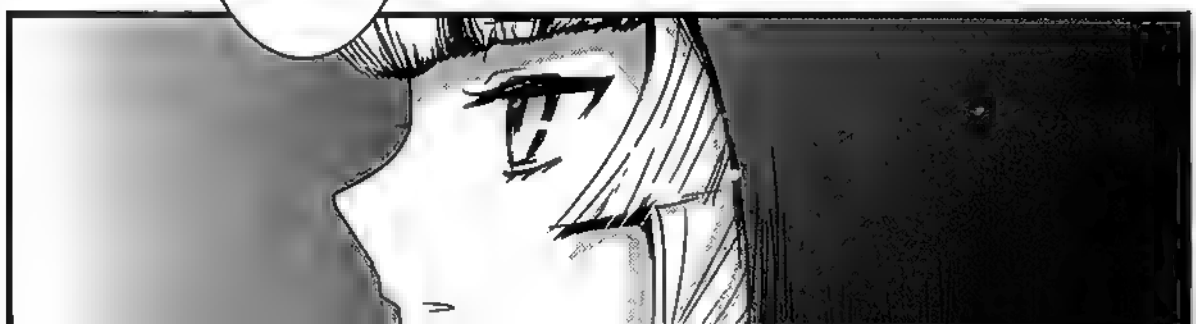
IT WILL STILL TAKE SOME... TIME
SO... FOR THE NOW ...
I WILL LEAVE THE LAST "YATSUFUSA" IN YOUR HANDS, "INUGAMI"



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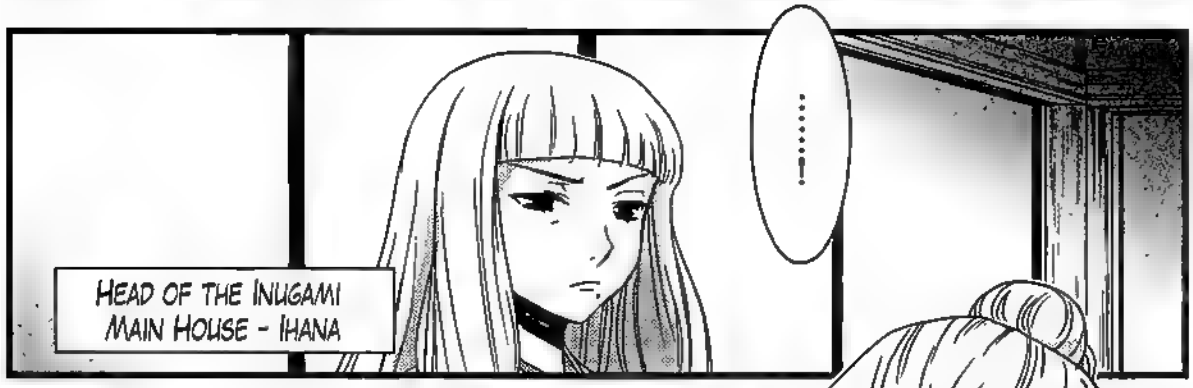
THE THREE VESSELS

SO
JUST HOW LONG DO YOU INTEND TO KEEP HIM ALIVE?
"FUURAI," I MEAN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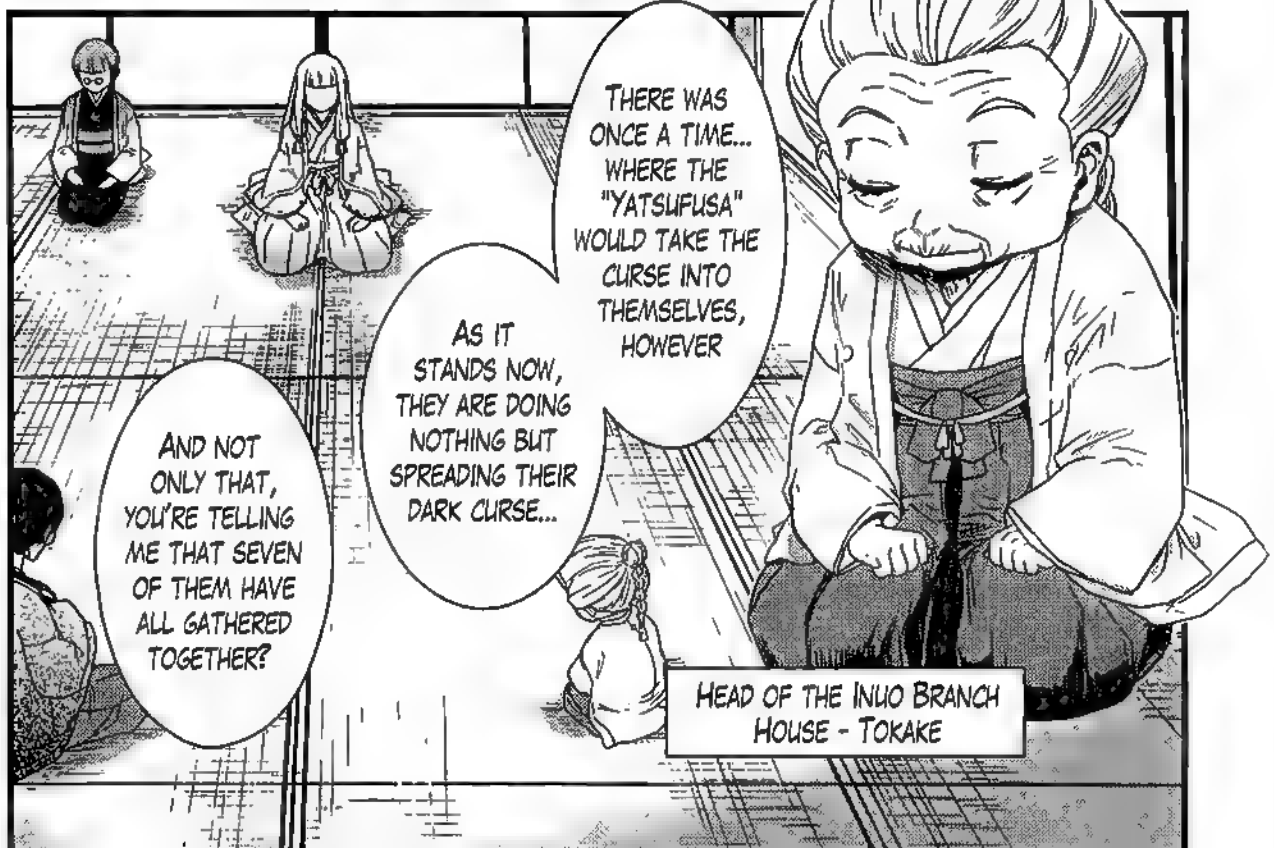
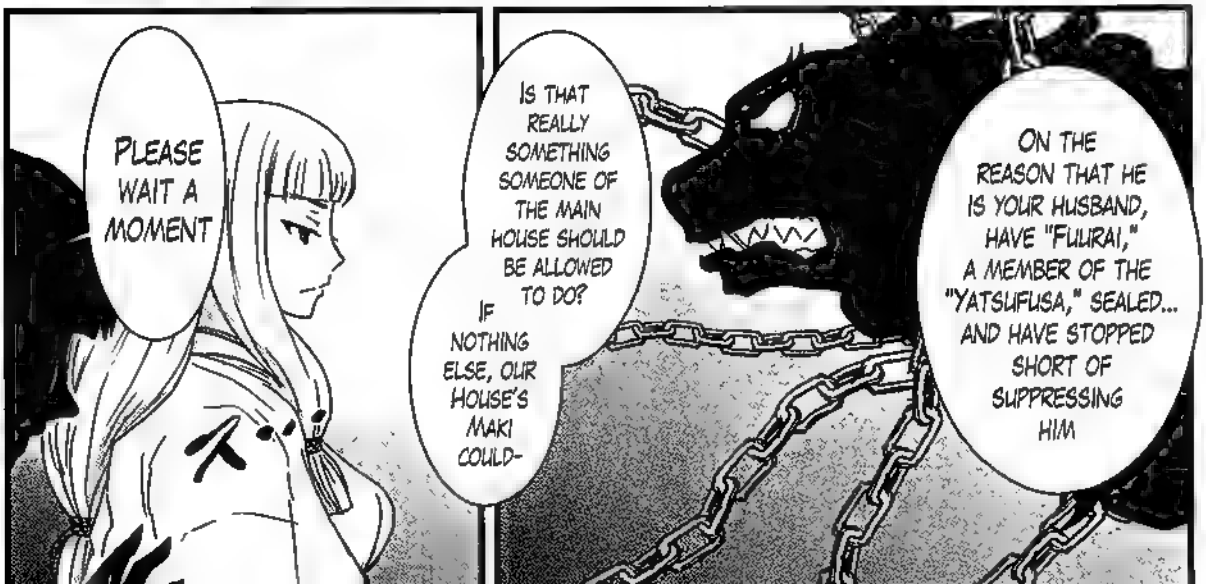
HEAD OF THE INUGAMI MAIN HOUSE - IHANA


THERE WAS ONCE A TIME... WHERE THE "YATSUFUSA" WOULD TAKE THE CURSE INTO THEMSELVES, HOWEVER
AS IT STANDS NOW, THEY ARE DOING NOTHING BUT SPREADING THEIR DARK CURSE...
AND NOT ONLY THAT, YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT SEVEN OF THEM HAVE ALL GATHERED TOGETHER?
HEAD OF THE INUO BRANCH HOUSE - TOKAKE

To begin with, we made it so all of the "Yatsufusa" were never together in the same place...
The reason for that is because the Eight Houses said that if they were all together in the same place that the "impurity would become that much greater"
Though Sakuya suppressed the one known as "Nanafushi," they made off with his head, right?
If that is so then we might as well as think of the situation as the same as before
Head of the Inunaka Branch House - Taki

We, the Inunaka, feel that it would be best if we "suppress" the lot of them... you know
And yet you


On the reason that he is your husband, have "Fuurai," a member of the "Yatsufusa," sealed... and have stopped short of suppressing him
Is that really something someone of the main house should be allowed to do?
If nothing else, our house's Maki could-
Please wait a moment

AS I THOUGHT, SO YOU'RE THE ONE WHO PUT THE IDEA INTO HER HEAD
INUMORI!
TAKI-SAMA ...
THAT IS NOT THE SOLE REASON FOR HER ACTIONS
HEAD OF THE "INUMORI" FAMILY WHO SERVE BOTH THE MAIN AND BRANCH HOUSES: INUMORI KASAE

SO WHAT'S SO WRONG WITH SUPPRESSING EVERY LAST ONE OF THEM ?!
AT THE VERY CORE OF THEIR BEINGS THE YATSUFUSA DO NOTHING BUT CAUSE HARM TO HUMANS WHICH MAKES THEIR VERY EXISTENCE A SIN
NOT AT ALL, I WOULD NEVER DO SOMETHING AS PRE-POSTEROUS AS THAT...

I...
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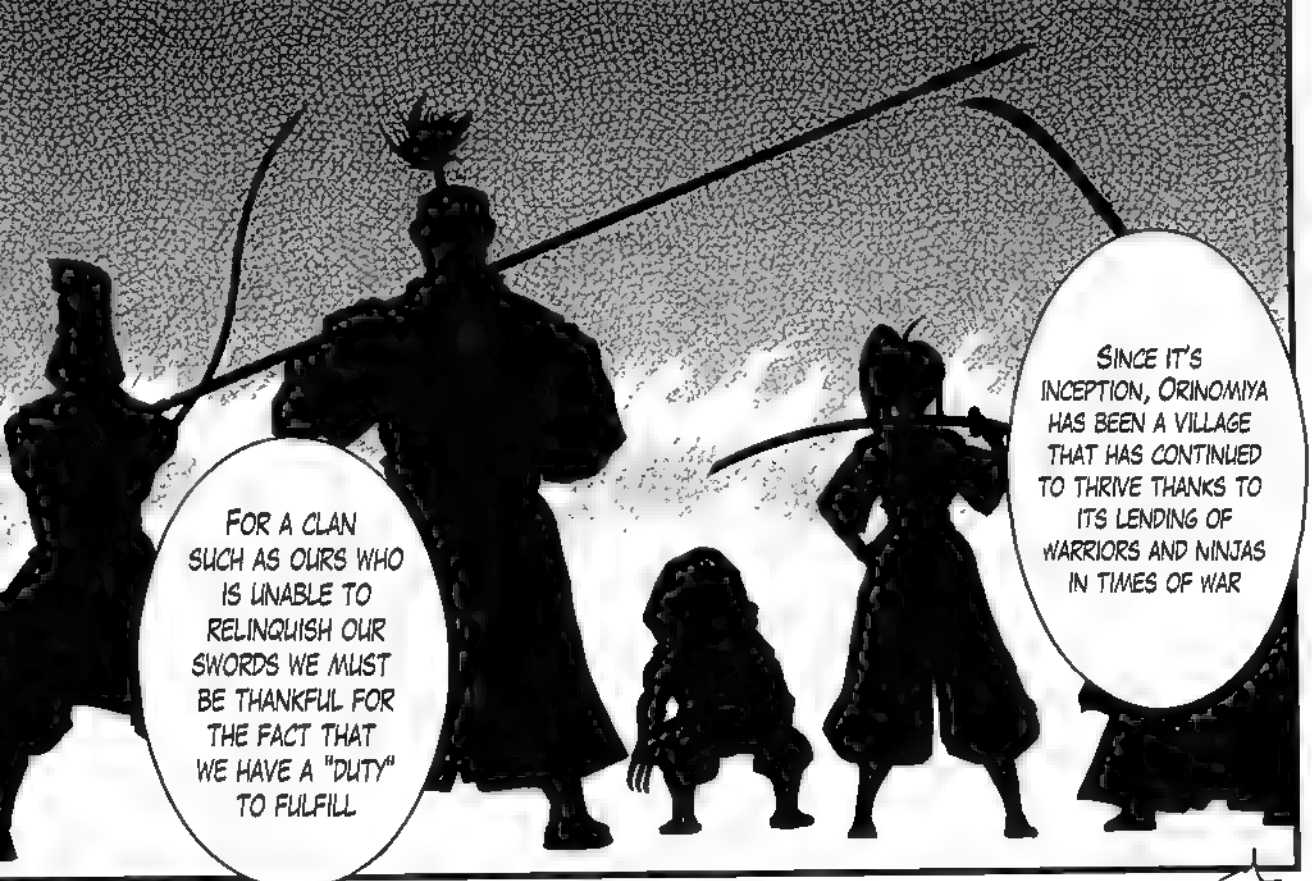
CERTAINLY COULD NOT DELIVER THE FINAL BLOW TO MY HUSBAND... TO "FUJIRAI"
OF COURSE, IT WAS DUE TO MY NAIEVETE THAT I COULD NOT DO SO...
MUST WE CONTINUE RESIGNING OUR HUSBANDS, LOVERS AND COMRADES TO SUCH A FATE FOR ALL ETERNITY?
HOWEVER, AMIDST THE EMOTIONAL TURMOIL I WAS FEELING, THIS THOUGHT ALSO CROSSED MY MIND

I THOUGHT OF SAKUYA WHO WAS WITHIN MY BELLY AT THE TIME ...
ABOUT HER FUTURE ...
THE FUTURE OF HER CHILDREN AS WELL AS HER CHILDREN'S CHILDREN AND IF THEY WOULD HAVE TO CONTINUE WITH... HAVING TO DO AWAY WITH THIS CURSE
KUKUKU
KAHAA!
KAHAHAHAHA! WHAT A STRANGE NOTION!
IHANA
YOU MUSTN'T THINK UNNECESSARY THOUGHTS


SINCE IT'S INCEPTION, ORINOMIYA HAS BEEN A VILLAGE THAT HAS CONTINUED TO THRIVE THANKS TO ITS LENDING OF WARRIORS AND NINJAS IN TIMES OF WAR
FOR A CLAN SUCH AS OURS WHO IS UNABLE TO RELINQUISH OUR SWORDS WE MUST BE THANKFUL FOR THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A "DUTY" TO FULFILL

THAT IS NOT WHAT I SAID
I AM MERELY SAYING THAT WE MUST PUT AN END TO THIS CYCLE IS ALL

KAHA-HAHA!
IF YOU TAKE AWAY OUR "DUTY" THEN WHAT WOULD REMAIN?!
IT WOULD BE NOTHING BUT OUR SKILLS AS "MURDERERS"!
ARE YOU SAYING NOW THAT AFTER ALL THIS TIME YOU "WANT TO RETURN TO BEING A NORMAL GIRL"? YOU'RE SUCH A WOMAN AT HEART, IHANA!
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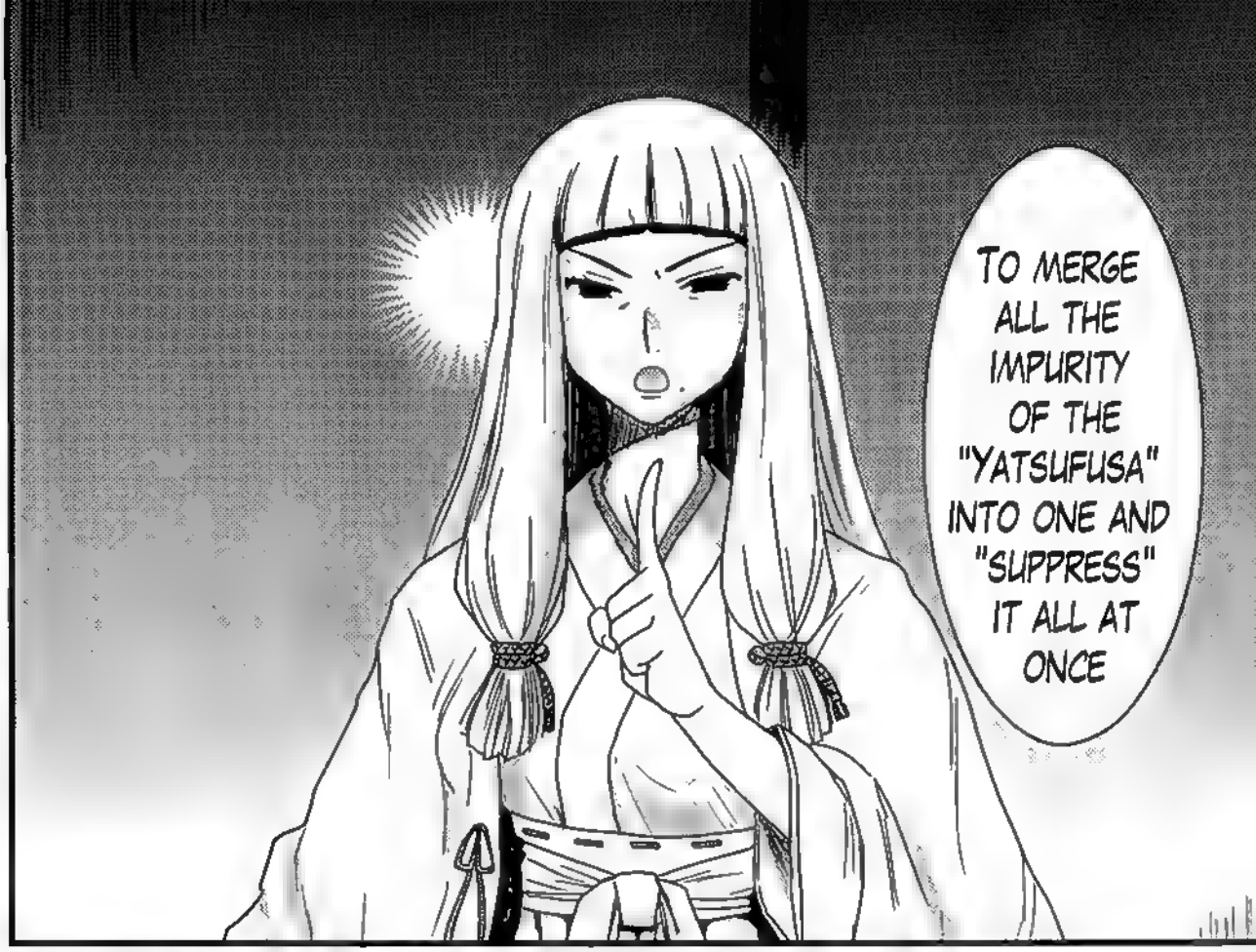
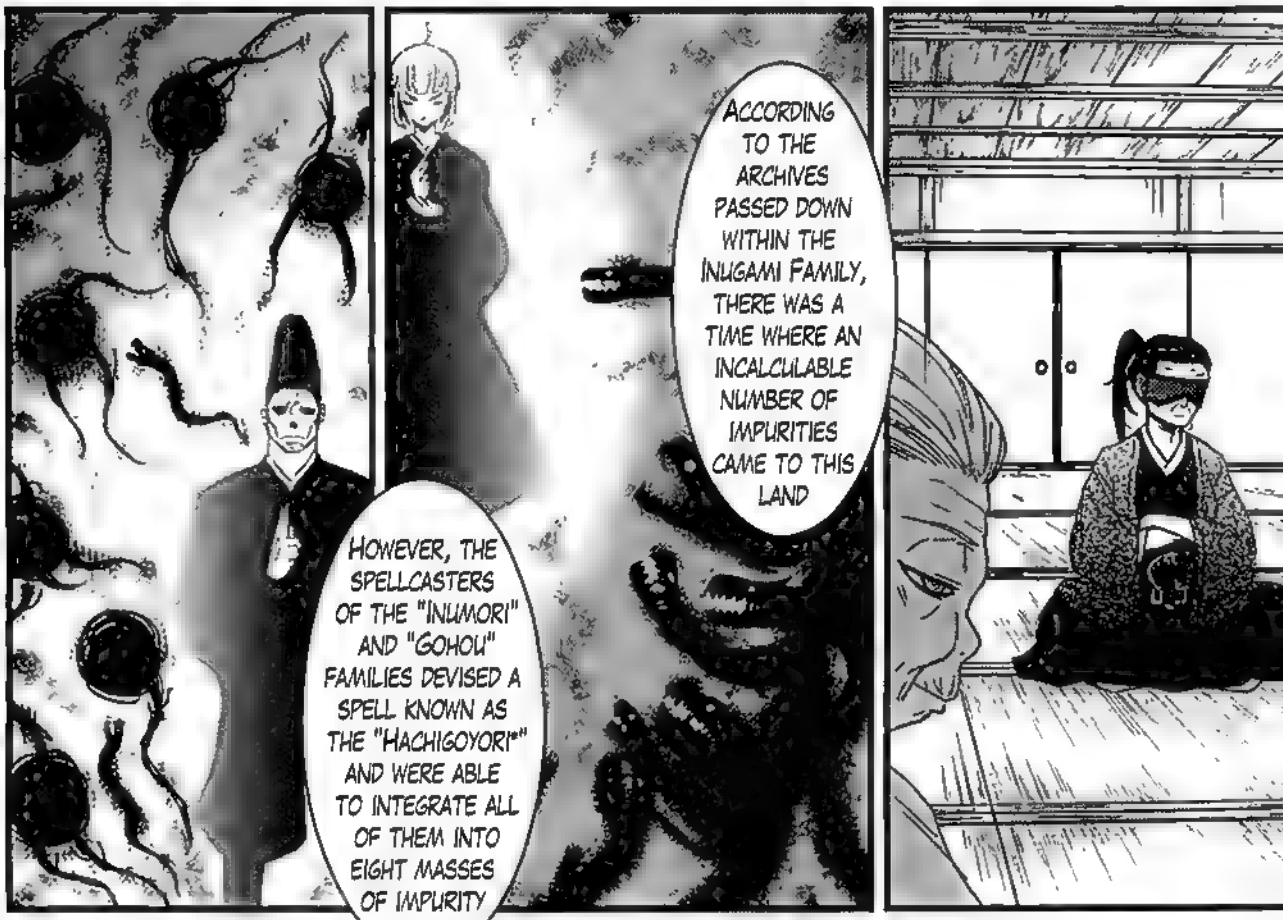
HEEEH
KUKU
SO, WHAT EXACTLY DID YOU HAVE IN MIND?




ACCORDING TO THE ARCHIVES PASSED DOWN WITHIN THE INUGAMI FAMILY, THERE WAS A TIME WHERE AN INCALCULABLE NUMBER OF IMPURITIES CAME TO THIS LAND
HOWEVER, THE SPELLCASTERS OF THE "INUMORI" AND "GOHOU" FAMILIES DEVISED A SPELL KNOWN AS THE "HACHIGOYORI" AND WERE ABLE TO INTEGRATE ALL OF THEM INTO EIGHT MASSES OF IMPURITY

"8 Paper Strand Bind"

I SEE ...
HOWEVER, SINCE YOU MENTIONED THE "GOHOU", KOUGEN OF THE "YATSUFUSA" IS ALSO OF THEIR CLAN
ISN'T HE AN ONMYOUJI?
IN REGARDS TO THAT THERE IS NO NEED TO WORRY, WE OF THE INUMORI ALSO HAVE RECORDS ON THE "GOHOU" AS WELL
TO THEN COMBINE THOSE EIGHT INTO ONE... THAT IS TO SAY, PERFORM A "HITOGOYORI"
WE WOULD NEED TO PUT UP A POWERFUL "FOREST" AND FOCUS IT IN A CONFINED SPACE

HMMM
WITH THREE PRIESTESSES OF SUPPRESSION AND EIGHT SPELLCASTERS... I BELIEVE IT WOULDN'T BE IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO EXECUTE THE SPELL...
ALL OF OUR DAUGHTERS HAVE BEEN RAISED AS SPELLCASTERS SO
HITOE, FUTAE, MIE, YOTSUE, ITSUE, MUTSUE, NANAE AND YAE
HITOE
MIE
FUTAE
YOTSUE
ITSUE
MUTSUE
NANAE
YAE

Hmmm...
That brat who got away with the "Yatsufusa"
You said her name was "Shirachigo," right?
We surely cannot capture them using ordinary means
Now the only issue is how we go about capturing the "Yatsufusa" that escaped
I do not know either...
All I know is that in the Inugami family archives
Just who is she
Old Lady Tokake?
There appears to be mention of a young girl
With incredibly white skin and red eyes
Named "Shirachigo" who accompanied ...

"OSEKAMI-HIME," THE GOD OF THE DOG PEOPLE AS WELL AS THE ONE WHO WOULD BECOME THE ORIGIN OF ALL IMPURITY, TO ORINOMIYA
SOME 400 YEARS AGO

"OSEKAMI-HIME" AND "SHIRACHIGO" APPEARED TO BEFRIEND THE VILLAGERS QUICKLY ENOUGH, HOWEVER
THAT WAS ONLY A ROUSE
THE REST IS ALL AS YOU KNOW
"OSEKAMI-HIME" REVEALED HER TRUE NATURE AND DEVOURED MANY MEN FROM THE VILLAGE
AT THIS POINT, HOWEVER, ALL MENTION OF "SHIRACHIGO" VANISHES
AND IT WAS THEN THAT OUR ANCESTOR, INUGAMI KUKURI, SLAYED HER BY TAKING HER HEAD.

"OSEKAMI-HIME"...
AND "SHIRACHIGO" ... HUH
SO IT WAS FROM HER THAT ALL IMPURITY CAME FROM... AND NOW "SHIRACHIGO" IS GATHERING THE "YATSUFUSA" ...
HM!
THAT'S RIGHT
TWO YEARS AGO... THE RESTING PLACE FOR "OSEKAMI-HIME'S" HEAD WAS DESECRATED
IF THIS IS THE SAME "SHIRACHIGO" MENTIONED IN OUR ARCHIVES, IT MAY VERY WELL BE WHAT YOU ARE THINKING
"SHIRACHIGO'S" OBJECTIVE MAY BE TO RESURRECT "OSEKAMI-HIME" FOR ALL WE KNOW
I'M SURE YOU FIND THE IDEA ABSURD BUT WHEN YOU CONSIDER HOW LONG "INUGAMI POSSESSIONS" AND "SHIRACHIGO" HAVE LIVED THE IDEA IS NOT SO FARFETCHED
KUKUKUU
WELL ISN'T THAT JUST A SPITTING IMAGE OF WHAT YOU'RE DOING!
DID YOU GO FORM AN ALLIANCE WITH THAT BRAT? WELL, IHANA?

HMMM ...
IF THAT IS SO THEN IT WOULD BE DANGEROUS TO LET FUURAI LIVE, WOULDN'T IT
WELL, THAT'S JUST HOW IT GOES
DON'T GIVE UP!
.....
KU-KUU
I'M SURE THAT SLAYING YOUR HUSBAND... AND THE FATHER OF YOUR CHILD MUST BE HARD, SO
WE CAN JUST LEAVE IT TO MY MAKI AND INUO'S YUZURI TO TAKE CARE OF HIM
NO, NO! NOW LET'S NOT ALL BE HASTY
I BELIEVE WE SHOULDN'T JUST IGNORE THE THOUGHTS OF THE INUGAMI MAIN HOUSE

INUMORI
HAVEN'T YOU BEEN BUTTING IN A LITTLE TOO MUCH?
DO YOU THINK YOU CAN UNDERESTIMATE US JUST BECAUSE WE'RE A BRANCH HOUSE?
NO-NO... NOT AT ALL, PERISH THE THOUGHT...
IT'S JUST THAT...
IF THERE WAS EVER TO BE A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE MAIN HOUSE AND THE BRANCH HOUSES
THEN THE INUMORI WOULD GIVE THEIR FULL SUPPORT TO THE MAIN HOUSE
IT IS SOMETHING OF A FAMILY PRECEPT IN OUR HOUSE...
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WHAT
YOU TRYING TO PICK A FIGHT?
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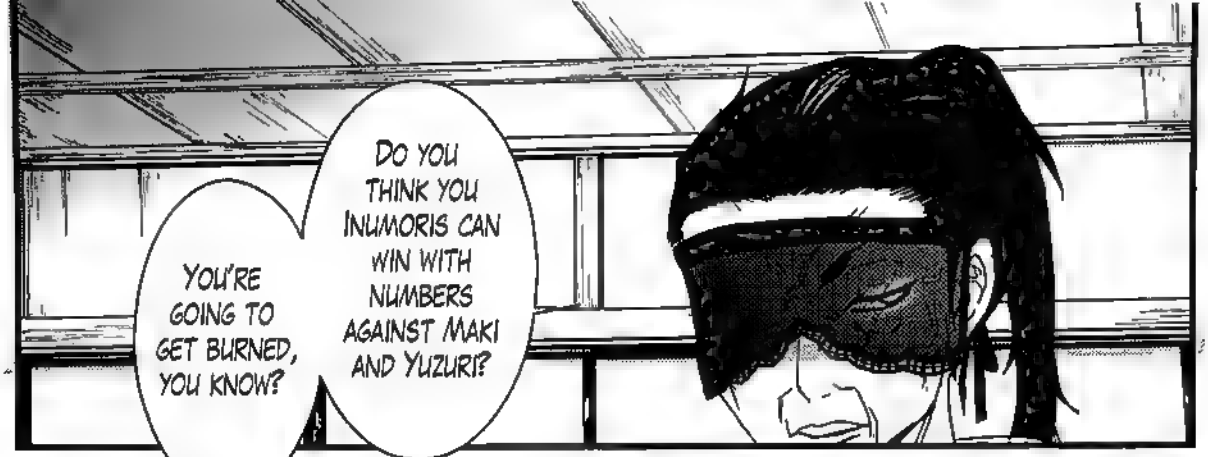
DO YOU THINK YOU INUMORIS CAN WIN WITH NUMBERS AGAINST MAKI AND YUZURI?
YOU'RE GOING TO GET BURNED, YOU KNOW?

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THOSE GIRLS HAVE TRULY COME A LONG WAY
TRUE

When they were first given their Great Inugamis, it took them all but a single month for them to master the "Hifumi"
Those girls are special

"HI..."
"FU... MI..."
"YO..."

"IMU... NA"

"YA..."
"KO... TO!"

During their first ceremony, they not only got past the "First Abyssal Level" but made it all the way to the "Fourth"

It was because of them that the southeast portion of the "Oofuru Forest" was littered with arrows and became a sea of flames

And after that, they suppressed an ancient dog that appeared in the first level as well as drove the Yatsufusa all the way back to the eighth level...

Even if they are the next generation of priestesses, there have only been so many who have been able to master the "Hifumi" to such an extent

WHAT?
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YOU MUSTN'T LET THEM USE THE "HIFUMI" IN SUCH AN UNRESTRAINED MANNER...
IT IS NOTHING MORE THAN A "SECRET SKILL" THAT COMES WITH ITS OWN DANGERS WHEN USED...
IT IS NO DIFFERENT FROM A "FORBIDDEN CURSE"
HMPF... WE'RE AWARE OF THAT, BUT
THOSE TWO ARE ABLE TO FULLY WIELD THEIR GREAT INUGAMIS
UNLIKE YOUR DAUGHTER, SAKUYA, THAT IS
GREAT INUGAMIS ARE NOTHING MORE THAN TOOLS TO BE USED
SO WHAT'S THE POINT OF USING THEM IF WE DON'T USE THEM TO THEIR FULLEST CAPABILITIES?

YOU'RE WRONG ...
THEY ARE NOT TOOLS IN THE SLIGHTEST-
THEY ARE SOMETHING... MORE FEARSOME THAN THAT-
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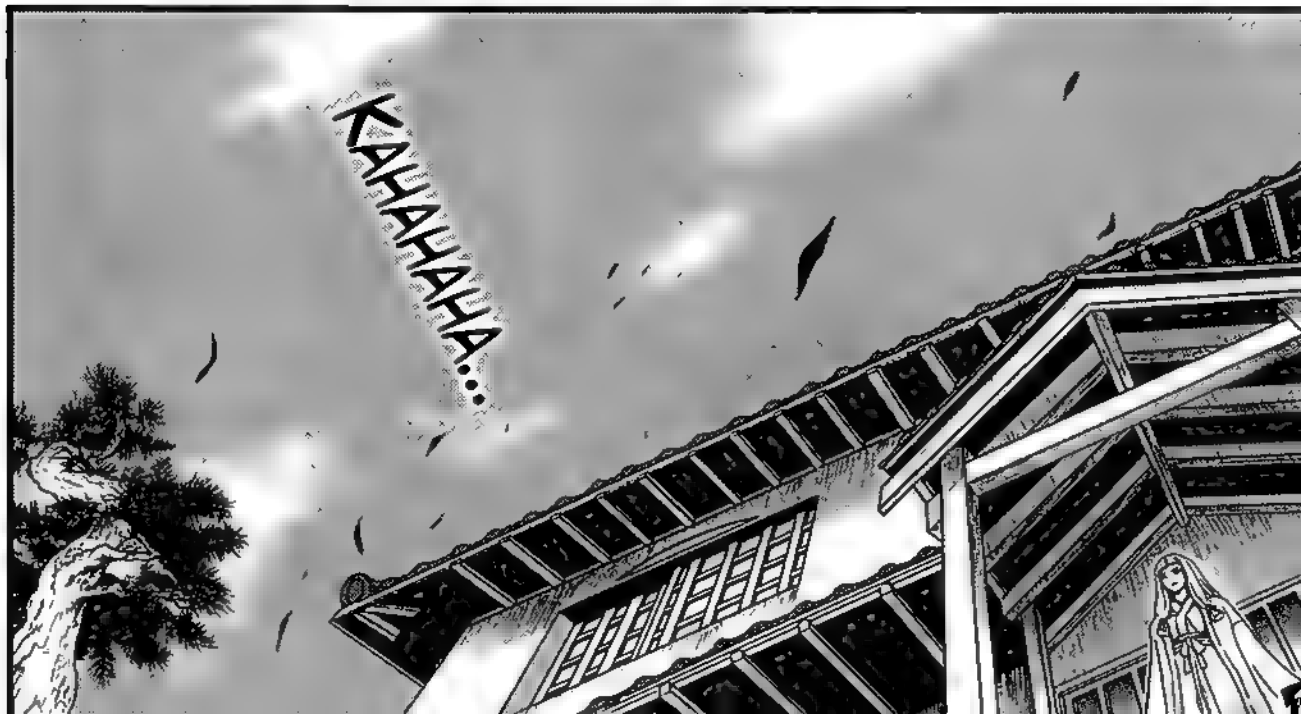
AT ANY RATE, THIS DISCUSSION IS OVER
WE BRANCH HOUSES WILL DO AS WE PLEASE
THAT REMINDS ME
YOU SAID SOMETHING ABOUT... PUTTING AN END TO THIS CYCLE, HUH

WE WON'T LET YOU
OUR GOAL IS TO TAKE THE PLACE OF THE MAIN HOUSE
THAT IS UNLESS SOME IDIOT FULFILLS THE "DUTY" WE ALL HAVE BEFORE THAT HAPPENS, OF COURSE

FARE-WELL
WE INTEND TO ALWAYS BE ON THE "SIDE OF THE HUNTERS"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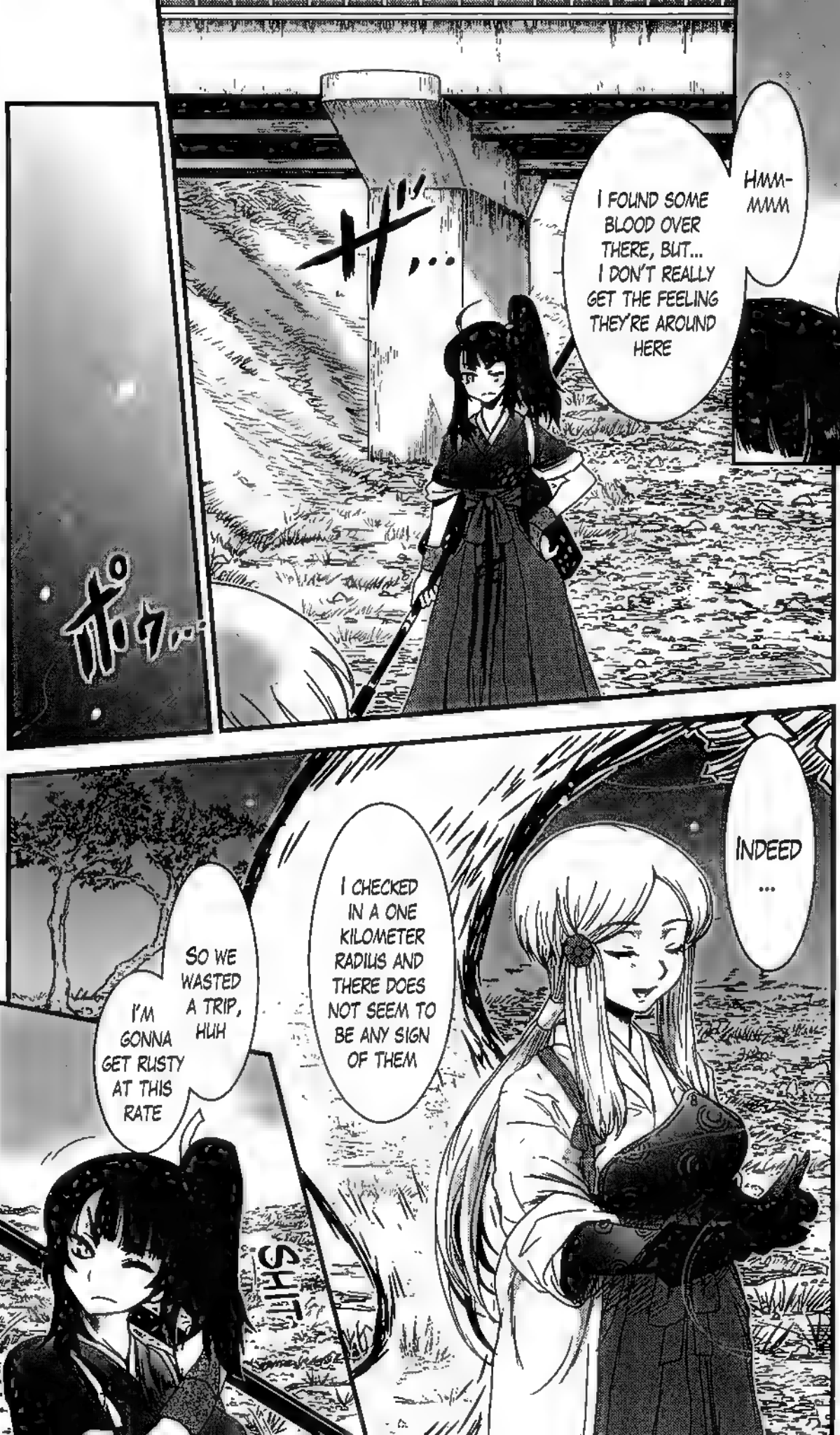
THIS THE REMAINS OF A GUNPOWDER BALL THAT NINJAS USE
COULD THIS BE... KOOROGI'S?


HMM-MMM
I FOUND SOME BLOOD OVER THERE, BUT... I DON'T REALLY GET THE FEELING THEY'RE AROUND HERE
INDEED ...
I CHECKED IN A ONE KILOMETER RADIUS AND THERE DOES NOT SEEM TO BE ANY SIGN OF THEM
SO WE WASTED A TRIP, HUH
I'M GONNA GET RUSTY AT THIS RATE
SHIT

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SHALL I SCHOOL YOU ON HOW TO USE YOUR GREAT INUGAMI?
YOU DON'T CONTROL HIM ALL THAT WELL, RIGHT?

I THINK THAT... KOOROGI MIGHT HAVE BEEN HERE...
IT LOOKS LIKE SOMEONE USED A SMOKE BALL HERE...

EH?
SAKUYAAA

WHEN IT COMES TO DOGS YOU GOTTA BE SURE TO DISCIPLINE 'EM THOROUGHLY OR THEY WON'T LISTEN TO YA
I'LL TAKE YOUR GREAT INUGAMI DOWN A FEW PEGS
WHA... WHAT ARE YOU...
!
WHAT WAS THAAAAAT?

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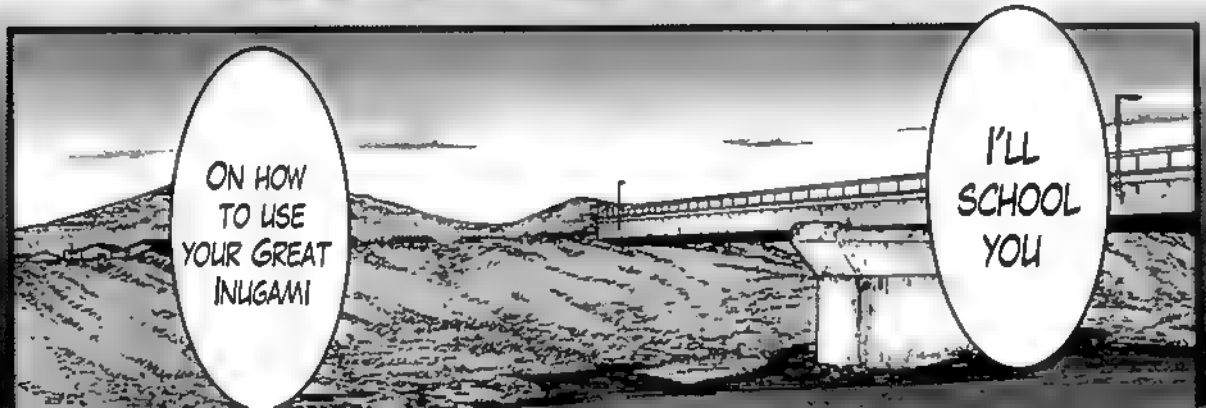
第16話 SCAMPERING MOUNTAIN BANDITS



I'M SURE YOU ALREADY KNOW THIS BUT GREAT INUGAMIS ARE USUALLY IN A STATE OF "HALF POSSESSION". WE BECOME CLAD OURSELVES IN THEM AND WE USE THEM TO GIVE OUR PHYSICAL AND REGENERATIVE ABILITIES A BOOST...
NORMAL PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THEM, EITHER
THEN WHEN USE "HIFUMI" YOU'RE BASICALLY LETTING THE GREAT INUGAMI DO A "FULL POSSESSION" ON YOU
THE SAME IS ALSO TRUE WHEN WE SEND ITS POWER OF POSSESSION BACK AT THEM. IF YOU DO THAT, YOU WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE THEM FIGHT FOR YOU.
パチン
LIKE THIS
MEKKAI!!
GIVE HIM SOME LOVE BITES
!

ナバオ…ぉ
……!!
THIS GUY'S... GOT A HUGE MOUTH!!
ナブギ…
ガブ!!
GREAT INUGAMIS HAVE BEEN MADE SO THEY CAN'T ATTACK PEOPLE
BUT IF IT'S AGAINST ANOTHER "INUGAMI" THEN THERE'S NO PROBLEM AT ALL
KUOOO... WHY YOU ...
メリメリメリ…
SHIPPE!!

THIS IS WHAT I THINK, SAKUYA... YOU DON'T HAVE A GOOD HANDLE ON THOSE THREE TAKEOVERS I MENTIONED EARLIER
GREAT INUGAMIS ARE NOTHING BUT DOGS AS WELL AS THE TOOLS...
IT'S NO GOOD IF YOU CAN'T MAKE THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO
SINCE IT'S COME TO THIS, I WILL HAVE TO "SUPPRESS" HIM-
チキ…
YOU BETTER HURRY AND CALL YOUR POWER BACK
BECAUSE IF YOU DON'T HE'S GONNA SPLIT INTO THE 75 AGAIN
COME ON, COME ON
メリ メリ
OR WOULD YOU PREFER IT THAT WAY? YOU DON'T LOOK LIKE SOMEONE WHO LIKES TO HAVE THIS "DUTY" AND ALL!
KUU!
ヒュ
!
DON'T JUST END EVERYTHING WITH A "SUPPRESSION" YOU RETARD!

THIS IS WHAT YOU DO WHEN YOUR GREAT INUGAMI DOESN'T LISTEN TO YOU!!
WHAT'S THE POINT OF WEAKENING YOUR OWN WEAPON?
YOU'RE GONNA SHAVE AWAY AT AN INUGAMI'S POWER IF YOU SUPPRESS
GU...
BYAAAAAAAAAA...
THE SACRED SHRINE ROPE'S A COLLAR WHICH WE CAN USE TIGHTEN AND MAKE THEM SUBMIT
YOU GOT THAT?!
UGUU

KEHOO
...
COME NOW, MAKI!
I CAN SEE WHY THE OLD CRONES FROM MY HOUSE SAY "WE CAN'T LEAVE ANYTHING TO THE MAIN HOUSE"
...
YOU'RE EVEN WORSE OFF THAN I THOUGHT
YUZURI
...
YOU'RE ONE TO TALK...
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SAKUYA-SAN?
YOU'RE TAKING THINGS TOO FAR. YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO STRIKE HER IN THE STOMACH, DID YOU?

AAH... SAKUYA'S BEING BULLIED AGAIN ...
SHE'S SO CUTE~ UHUHU
SHE COULD HAVE STOPPED ME AT ANY TIME BUT INSTEAD JUST STOOD THERE WATCHING THE WHOLE THING
YOU SADIST!
YOU ARE ALWAYS SO HASTY IN THE WAY YOU DO THINGS, MAKI
SAKUYA-SAN MAY NOT BE THE TYPE TO FIGHT SERIOUSLY WHEN FIGHTING AN ALLY, YOU KNOW?
.....
HMPF, YOU THINK SO?
SO HOW ABOUT...
WE DECIDE THIS WITH A CONTEST ?
HUH?

Using Hayatarou's "Farsight," I found...
A group of "Inugami Possessions" deep in the mountains in a valley 10 kilometers from here
Admittedly, I cannot see any further than that though...
Whoever goes there and suppresses the most Inugami Possessions is the winner
If Sakuya-san wins, then Maki will apologize to her naked
If Maki wins, then Sakuya-san will have to continue bearing Maki's bullying ...
How does that sound?
Huh ?!
Tha... That's ...
Sounds interesting ...
スッ…

I'M GONNA... STRIP THAT WOMAN BARE ...
AND FINISH THINGS UP, I'M GONNA GIVE THAT "MEKKAI" SOME OF MY LOVE BITES, TOO!
OI, YUZURI! WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DECIDING ON YOUR OWN?!
WHY THE HELL DO I HAVE TO DO IT NAKED?!
OH MY, DO YOU NOT HAVE FAITH IN YOUR OWN ABILITIES?
YOU SAID THAT YOU WERE FEELING RUSTY SO I THOUGHT I WOULD TAKE THE INITIATIVE AND START A WAGER
THERE'S NO WAY I WOULD LOSE!!
BUT REMEMBER THIS!
IF I WIN THEN YOU'RE THE ONE WHO HAS TO STRIP!!
UMMM ...
.....
THAT'S NOT THE ISSUE HERE
MY... I DON'T MIND, BUT, YOU SEE MY BODY ALL THE TIME WHEN WE BATHE, DON'T YOU?

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OI, SAKUYA... YOU PLANNIN' TO JUST KEEP RUNNIN' LIKE THIS?
WE ARE SURE TO LOSE AT THIS RATE SO USE ME!

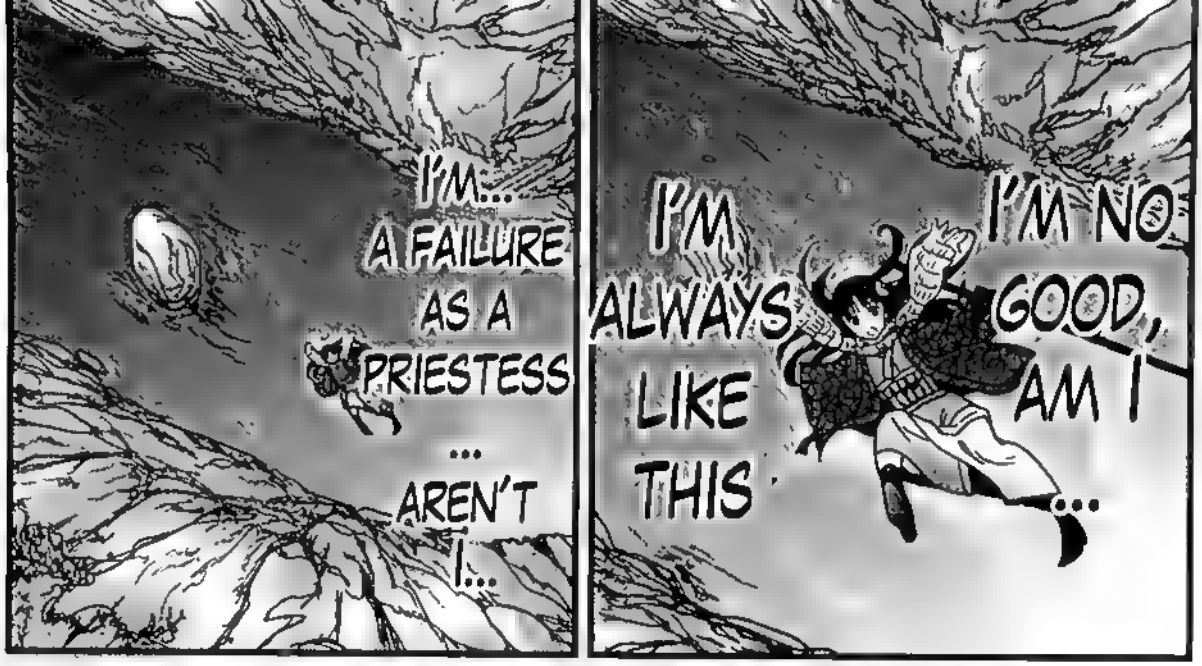
WHA-
YOU DAMNED BRAT!
にゅ〜

WHENEVER I USE YOU I GET OVER-WHELMED WITH THE DESIRE TO LAP UP BLOOD-
NO

YOU GOTTA STOP REJECTING ME SO MUCH!!
LET GO OF ME!!
YOU SHOULD LISTEN TO ME EVERY NOW AND THEN, DAMMIT!!
THAT IS SOMETHING... I...INDEED KNOW...
.....!
YOU'RE GONNA WIND UP DEAD ONE DAY!!
I'M SURE YOU HATE ME OR WHATEVER BUT IF YOU DON'T ACCEPT ME A LITTLE MORE
I END UP THROWING MYSELF AWAY... WHENEVER I PERFORM THE "HIFUMI"-
BUT... I AM AFRAID... MELDING TOGETHER WITH A GREAT INUGAMI... AND FEELING MYSELF CHANGING...

IDIOT
I USED TO BE... HUMAN, TOO
INDEED, A GREAT INUGAMI LIKE YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND... HOW US HUMANS FEEL
HUMAN ?
EH?
!
AAH... IS THAT TRUE?
HHN
WHY YOU... JUST WHAT DID YOU THINK I WAS-

TSK... MEKKAI, HUH!
.....!
!
SAKU-?!
AH...


I'M... A FAILURE AS A PRIESTESS ... AREN'T I...
I'M ALWAYS LIKE THIS
I'M NO GOOD, AM I ...

ドボン...

I ONLY MEANT TO JAB AT HER A LITTLE, YOU KNOW
AAH, I MESSED UP...
THE IDIOT!
TSK

THERE WAS ONCE...
THERE WAS ONCE A TIME WHEN I WAS "HUMAN"
MY MEMORIES HAVE BECOME LIKE A DREAM WHERE IF I DON'T TAKE THE TIME TO REMEMBER THEY END UP DISAPPEARING...
SO THAT IS WHY I MAKE A POINT OF GOING THROUGH MY MEMORIES OVER AND OVER AND CARVE THEM DEEP INTO MY HEART...
THE MEMORIES OF THAT TIME-

I BETTER GRILL THESE UP FOR SANA!
HAHA, I GOT IT!!
DOES IT TASTE GOOD, SANA?!
MY LITTLE SISTER, SANA
SHE HAD A WEAK BODY AND WAS STUCK IN BED A LOT BECAUSE SHE WOULDLD GET SICK EASILY
YEAH!
THANK YOU, ONII-CHA!
BUT, AS LONG AS SHE WAS SMILING, THAT WAS GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME

I ALSO WANNA GET SOME MONEY FOR MEDICINE AND FEED HER SOMETHING GOOD
HEHEE
OUR MOM AND DAD WERE DEAD SO IT WAS JUST US SIBLINGS LEFT
HEY, HOLD UP!
THAT'S WHY I JOINED A GROUP OF MOUNTAIN BANDITS
WE WOULD GO ABOUT ROBBING MERCHANTS WHO TRAVELLED THROUGH THIS ONE MOUNTAIN PASS A LOT

WHAT ARE THESE, IT'S NOTHIN' BUT A BUNCH OF OLD BOWLS AND STUFF, HUH ...
AND WHAT'S WITH THIS JAR?
カリ...
.....?

WHAT'S WRONG?
GU...

UWHAAAA-?!

I... IT'S NOTHING ...
DON'T WORRY, I'M FINE ...
ズズズ...

EVER SINCE THEN, I HAD A NIGHTMARE FOR THREE DAYS AND NIGHTS
GU ...
SHIT ...
AND WHEN I CAME TO, I WAS-

WHENEVER THERE WAS A MOONLIT NIGHT, I WOULD TURN INTO A DOG AND RUN ACROSS THE HILLS
I MADE IT SO THAT I WOULD ONLY KILL AND EAT OTHER WILD ANIMALS
I WOULD END UP KILLING PEOPLE IF THEY WERE NEARBY SO I MADE A POINT OF DOING NOTHING BUT RUN
MY BODY HAD BECOME A REAL PAIN TO DEAL WITH
EVEN IF I DID SCREW UP AND KILL SOMEONE ON A NIGHT LIKE THIS, I WOULDN'T HAVE TO WORRY ABOUT IT BEING SANA
NII-CHA, WHAT'S THAT?
OH, THAT

チリーン
チリーン
THEIR GIVING A SACRIFICE TO THE MOUNTAIN GOD...
IT'S PROBABLY A DEER OR SOME MEAT OR SOMETHING
HMMM ...

I JUST OVERHEARD SOME PEOPLE FROM THE VILLAGE ON THE NORTH SIDE OF THE MOUNTAIN
OI! THIS IS BAD!!

IT WAS SOMETHING THAT DIDN'T HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH US... THAT'S WHAT I HAD THOUGHT THEN

IT SEEMS THEY HAD THEIR EYES ON HER BECAUSE YOU TWO DON'T HAVE ANY RELATIVES!!
IT SOUNDS LIKE THEY'RE GONNA HAVE YOUR LITTLE SISTER... BE THE SACRIFICE TO THE MOUNTAIN GOD!!

THOSE VILLAGERS... ALWAYS LOOKED DOWN ON US BUT I NEVER THOUGHT THEY WOULD JUST DO WHATEVER THE HELL THEY WANTED WHILE I WAS AWAY!
DAMMIT... I WAS CARELESS!!
DAMMIT
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AND NOT ONLY THAT, THEY'RE GONNA SACRIFICE A GIRL?!
BYAUU
SANA!!
I'M DEFINITELY GONNA SAVE YA!!

But it looks like they've already taken her out of the village and to the mountain!!
Using this nose of mine!!
I'll be able to find where she's at
I'm slow! This is too slow!!
I... I won't make in time like this...
Faster... I want to run faster!!
"Is that your desire?"
I heard the moon whisper to me-
Yeah!! That's right!!
At this point I don't care if it's the moon or whoever but I want the "power" to get there faster!!

WHAT IS... THIS?
I CAN SEE AN OPENING IN THE TREE... AND THE WIND?
WHAT IS THIS?
I CAN GO INTO IT?
OH?
AND THE MOON ANSWERED

I CAME TO CALL THIS "VOID JUMPING"
BY AHA HA!!
THIS IS GREAT!! IT'S LIKE GOING THROUGH A HURRICANE!!
I'LL BE ABLE TO GET THERE QUICKER THIS WAY!!
FASTER!!
QUICKER!!
SWIFTER!!

ONII-
CHA
WAS...
FOR HER
...
TO KEEP...
SMILING...
ALL I
WANTED
...

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GUESS OUR CONTEST IS ON HOLD THEN, HUH
LOOKS LIKE I'LL JUST HAFTA GO DOWN THERE AND LOOK FOR HER
WAIT, MAKI
ガアアア
HMMM
SHE'S NOT COMING UP, HUH
ガアアア
WE CAN'T LEAVE THOSE INUGAMI POSSESSIONS TO THEIR OWN DEVICES SO COULD YOU GO ON AHEAD AND DEAL WITH THEM?
I'LL LOOK FOR SAKUYA-SAN USING HAYATARO'S CLONE
ズズ
HHN, YOU DO HAVE... A POINT
ALL RIGHT, I'LL LEAVE IT TO YOU, YUZURI...
オオオオ

WHA... WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THIS?
第 17 話 THE DEVOURING OF HERETICS
HATRED... SORROW... MOURNING !!
IS WHAT I'M SEEING THE MEMORIES FROM WHEN SHIPPEI WAS HUMAN?

FORGIVE ME... SA...NA...
FORGIVE ME...
ONII-CHA... COULDN'T SAVE YOU ...
ぎゃ!
……
YOU FUCKING BASTARDS!!
YOU'RE TELLING ME THAT THESE ARE "MOUNTAIN GODS" THAT EAT PEOPLE?!

AFTER THAT... AFTER A FEW WINTERS HAD PASSED-
I CONTINUED LOOKING FOR THE "MOUNTAIN GODS"
THEY... SEEMED TO KEEP CHANGING THEIR HUNTING GROUNDS ON THE MOUNTAIN
AND NOT ONLY THAT, WHENEVER THEY CAME ACROSS SOME WATER, THEY WENT ABOUT WASHING AWAY THEIR SCENT JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE
TSK... LOOKS LIKE HE'S NOT ONE OF THE "MOUNTAIN GODS" EITHER
BUT
NO MATTER HOW LONG IT TAKES, I'LL DEFINITELY FIND THEM!!

I WAS AT THE POINT WHERE I WAS USE TO DRINKING THE BLOOD OF OTHER ANIMALS
TSK... BEARS ARE SO OILY...
GUE...
HMPF
NOW THAT SANA WAS GONE, I LEFT THE MOUNTAIN BANDITS
BECAUSE I HAD NO NEED FOR MONEY ANYMORE
ALL I HAD WAS A THIRST FOR VENGEANCE AND BLOOD ...
THERE WAS NOTHING LEFT FOR ME TO DO BUT GET MY REVENGE ON THOSE GUYS...
WHAT A JOKE. I COULDN'T SAVE MY LITTLE SISTER AND NOW I'VE EVEN GIVEN UP BEING HUMAN...
BEFORE I REALIZED IT, I STOPPED TURNING BACK INTO A HUMAN
ARE YOU THE DOG-HEADED SHIPPE
WHO SETTLED ON THIS MOUNTAIN NOT TOO LONG AGO?
THEN ONE DAY, I CAME ACROSS THIS ONE TRAVELER

HUH? WHO ARE YOU?

WHAT'S IT TO YOU IF I AM?

THIS SMELL... A WOMAN, HUH?

SHE JUST REEKS OF SWEETNESS ...

HMMM... YOU HAVE DONE WELL IN BECOMING A DOG-HEAD

IN THAT CASE...

I WILL HAVE TO SLAY YOU AND THEN SUPPRESS YOU-
YOUR HEAD IS MINE!
WHAT? YOU WANT MY HEAD?
SURE, I MAY BE BAD AND NOTHING MORE THAN TRASH FOR BEING UNABLE TO SAVE MY OWN LITTLE SISTER...
BUT
I CAN'T AFFORD TO DIE YET!!

!?
THIS SWORD TECHNIQUE IS-?!
I'M RIGHT OVER HERE!
!?
HE DISA-
WHAT ?!

……!!
WHAT THE?!
A TAIL?
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU?

IT'S NOT EVEN WORTH TEACHING YOU, LITTLE GIRL...
HMPF... THIS POWER IS NOTHING ...
WHAT ABOUT YOU? YOU WERE ABLE TO LEAP THROUGH A VOID...
THAT DAY, WE JUST KEPT FIGHTING WITH NEITHER OF US HAVIN' AN ADVANTAGE OVER THE OTHER
FOR YOU TO HAVE ALREADY RECEIVED A POWER OF THE MOON, THIS IS QUITE SURPRISING INDEED
BUT, SHE CAME EVERY DAY TO CHALLENGE ME
WHY DO YOU WANT MY HEAD SO BAD?
AND IT GOT TO THE POINT WHERE I LOOKED FORWARD TO HER COMING
OI

HM...
OH, RIGHT!
I CANNOT JUST COME FOR YOUR HEAD WITHOUT TELLING YOU MY REASONS FOR IT...
OI, OI...
ISN'T THAT SOMETHING YOU SHOULD HAVE SAID FIRST THING?
SHIPPEI... HAVE YOU NOT FOUND YOURSELF TO BE POSSESSED BY SOMETHING STRANGE?
.....?
AAH... YOU MEAN THAT CREEPY STUFF I FOUND IN THAT JAR...
THOSE ARE "IMPURITIES" THAT CAME FROM THE SKULLS OF MY CLAN
THEY COME TO POSSESS HUMANS AND ARE NOT MEANT TO EXIST EXCEPT WITHIN THE BODIES OF FALLEN BEASTMEN
AS SUCH, IT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY AS THE LAST MEMBER OF MY CLAN... TO SUPPRESS THEM

HMMM, I SEE. SO THIS RIDICULOUS BODY'S BECAUSE OF ONE OF YOUR OWN, HUH
I CAN SEE WHY YOU WOULD WANT TO GO AFTER MY HEAD NOW
HMMM, LET'S SEE ...
YOU'RE A FINE WOMAN ...
IF I WIN, LET ME DO YOU!!
WHA-?
SHIPPE ...
WHAT ARE YOU...
AND IF I WIN YOU CAN HAVE MY HEAD
IT'S NOT BAD GETTING SOMETHING OUT OF IT IN RETURN, RIGHT?

AHAHAHA
PU...
AHAHA-HAHA
YOU ARE A STRANGE ONE, YOU ARE!
WHAT?
KUKUKU...
WE ARE FIGHTING WITH OUR LIVES ON THE LINE... YOU CAN JUST DO WHAT YOU WANT AFTER YOU WIN
I JUST NEVER THOUGHT SOMEONE AS BEASTLY AS YOU WOULD ASK FOR MY CONSENT
OH SHUT UP!
I STILL HAVE A HUMAN HEART AND I PLAN TO KEEP IT THAT WAY!
I DIDN'T THINK OF WHAT I SAID AS BEING THE WORDS OF A FORMER MOUNTAIN BANDIT... BUT
AS SANA'S BIG BROTHER... THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A PART OF ME THAT WAS CLINGING TO MY HUMANITY FOR ALL I KNEW

HEHEE
I'M STARTING TO GET INTO THIS
HUHU
VERY WELL
IF YOU WIN, YOU CAN DO WITH THIS BODY AS YOU WISH. OF THAT, YOU HAVE MY WORD

OH HONESTLY...

SO IT LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE GOING TO SACRIFICE A YOUNG GIRL AT THE TEMPLE ON MOUNT HAGURE TONIGHT
THEY'RE AFRAID OF WHAT MAY HAPPEN IF THEY DEFY THE MOUNTAIN GODS...
YEAH, THE YOHEE HOUSE WAS STRUCK BY A WHITE FEATHER ARROW...
OI, DID YOU HEAR?
AND THEN ONE DAY-

I'VE FOUND THEM!!
I'LL TAKE YOUR PLACE!
SO GET OUT!
A WHITE FEATHER ARROW? THAT'S A PRETTY ELABORATE WAY TO DO THINGS
THESE LOWLY BASTARDS WANT NOTHING BUT YOUNG GIRLS AS THEIR SACRIFICES!
I'M SURE THAT SANA HAD TO GO THROUGH THIS, TOO. BEING SHOVED INTO THIS DARK COFFIN AND TREMBLING OUT OF HOW SCARED SHE WAS
FORGIVE ME... FORGIVE ME... SANA

THIS TIME FOR SURE... I WON'T LET THEM GET AWAY!!
GO...
GO...OD ...
I... I WONDER IF THIS GIRL WILL
TASTE GOOD ...
TASTE GOOD ...

MUGYAGYA... ALL WE SAID WAS "MOUNTAIN GODS" AND THEY PRESENT US WITH A SACRIFICE ...
WHAT A CONVENIENT PAIRING OF WORDS...
BUT MORE IMPORTANT-LY...
THAT "SHIPPEI" OR WHOEVER HE CALLED HIMSELF THAT HAS BEEN SEARCHING FOR US... YOU DO NOT THINK HE KNOWS WHERE WE ARE, DO YOU?
GUGYAGYA... HE IS SO PERSISTENT... DOES HE NOT THINK THAT WE HAVE NOT ALREADY NOTICED HIM...
THAT FOOLISH PUP... GUGYAGYA!!
THERE IS NO POSSIBLE WAY HE COULD HAVE FOLLOWED U-

I'M...
RIGHT HERE!
I'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR YOU ...
YOU PIECES OF SHIT!!
I'M GONNA DEVOUR
EVERY LAST ONE OF YOU!!
GUGYAGYA!!

TSK...
I MIGHT BE A LITTLE OUTNUMBERED ...
BUT NO MATTER HOW MANY OF YOU THERE ARE, I'M GONNA GORGE MYSELF ON EVERY LAST OF YOU!!
NOW THAT I THINK ABOUT IT, I STOOD HER UP, DIDN'T I...
THAT WOMAN I'VE BEEN-

HE... HELLO ...
WHA-?! YOU'RE ...
!?
I CALL THEM "HERETICS," BUT... I BELIEVE HUMANS CALL THEM "BABOONS"
THESE ARE ELDERLY MONKEYS THAT WERE MISTAKENLY POSSESSED BY "IMPURITIES"
I HEARD ABOUT THESE FELLOWS FROM THE VILLAGE AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN, YOU SEE...
I THOUGHT I HAD TO EXTERMINATE THEM SO I HID MYSELF WITHIN THE TEMPLE ONLY TO FIND YOU COMING OUT OF THE COFFIN
YOU CANNOT IMAGINE HOW SURPRISED I WAS
HEEH
WELL WHATEVER THE CASE MAY BE, IT'S GREAT HAVING YOU HERE!
GYAHHH!!!
SUPPRESS!!

I'M "HERETIC GORGER, SHIPPEI" !!
YOU'RE ALL NOTHING... BUT FOOD, TO ME
HULU
HEHE ...
SANA ... I... DID...IT

BUT THEN AGAIN, THESE GUYS JUST TASTE AWFUL...
.....
THEIR MEAT'S HARD, TOO...
HEHE ...
I NO LONGER HAVE ANY REGRETS ...
NOW, LET'S DO IT...
LIKE WE ALWAYS DO!!

FORGIVE ME... THIS IS THE ONLY WAY I KNOW HOW TO RID YOU OF IMPURITIES...
IT IS... THE ONLY WAY I KNOW HOW
AAH ...
I... LOST... HUH
BYAHA... HA
IT'S... TOO BAD...
I... DIDN'T GET... TO TAKE YOU INTO MY ARMS...
NOW... THAT I... THINK ABOUT IT... I DIDN'T... ASK
YOUR... NAME... DID I...
I... AM

MY NAME IS-
EH?!
AH...
SA... KU..
KU!

PULL YOURSELF TOGETH-ER!!
SAKU-YA!!
.....!

WHAT? WHERE ARE WE?
IT LOOKS LIKE WE'RE PRETTY FAR DOWNSTREAM
HUU ...
NOT ONLY DID YOU FALL FROM A CLIFF BUT YOU ALSO SWALLOWED A BUNCH OF WATER, TOO...
ベシャ
GEHOO
GEHOO

I... SEE, SO I'VE COME BACK...
.....
KEHUU...
WHAT?
WHATCHA STARIN' AT ME FOR?
HUHU
HUHU-HUHU
I SEE ...
SHIPPEI... YOUR FACE HAS... GOTTEN QUITE LARGE, HASN'T IT
SO SHIPPEI... WAS INDEED HUMAN, AFTER ALL ...
HUUUH?! WHERE DID THAT COME FROM ?
HUHU HU...

BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE BETTER GO QUICK OR WE'RE GONNA LOSE!!
HM, YOU'RE RIGHT
WE BETTER HURRY ...
THERE... YOU ARE!
SAKUYA... SAN
THAT'S YUZURI-SAN'S-
MAKI HAS... ENCOUNTERED ... THE ANCIENT DOGS...
YOU MUST HURRY AND MEET UP WITH HER!!

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SUPPRESS!
ヒュン…
ガガガ…
YES, IT WOULD SEEM SO……?
IS THAT SERIOUSLY ALL OF THEM?
HMMM
I GUESS THAT PRETTY MUCH WRAPS IT UP HERE…

HMMM
THAT "SUPPRESSION" TECHNIQUE ...
AS I THOUGHT, YOU ARE OF THE "INUGAMI," AREN'T YOU
……!!
第18話 MAKI VERSUS ANCIENT DOGS

HAHAA
OI, OI, YOU WERE TWO ANCIENT DOGS HERE?!
THERE SERIOUS ?!
.....
WELL LOOK WHAT WE HAVE HERE, EVEN AFTER YOU TOLD ME THAT THERE WERE NOTHING BUT SMALL FRY OUT HERE
YOU GOTTA KEEP THOSE SADISTIC HABITS OF YOURS IN CHECK, YUZURI ...
.....
I REALLY COULDN'T SEE THEM, THOUGH!
GUF-AFA ...
I SENSED THAT THERE WAS A CLONE OF THAT GREAT INUGAMI ...
SO I USED SECLUSION TALISMANS TO HIDE OUR PRESENCE ...
KOUGEN ...
YOU'RE THE "YATSUFUSA" OF THE "GOHOU," HUH... IF I REMEMBER IT RIGHT, YOU'RE A SPELLCASTER ...
YOU'RE TELLIN' ME YOU ACTUALLY USE THAT HUMUNGOUS BODY OF YOURS JUST TO CAST SPELLS?

AND I BELIEVE YOU'RE CALLED HANABISHI ...
TALK ABOUT LUCKY. I NEVER WOULD HAVE THOUGHT I WOULD GET TO SUPPRESS TWO ANCIENT DOGS OF THE YATSUFUSA.
YOU'RE THE CARDINAL FOUR OF THE "YATSUFUSA," HUH
HOOO... YOU THINK THAT YOU CAN HUNT US?
THAT IS QUITE SOME CONFIDENCE YOU HAVE THERE
MAKI... I WILL DO MY BEST TO COVER YOU ONCE I AM IN RANGE SO HOLD OUT UNTIL THEN
YEAH
HMMM ...
I SUPPOSE I CAN AT LEAST POSE THE QUESTION TO YOU FIRST ...
THIS IS THE ONE TIME... WHERE WE DO NOT INTEND TO FIGHT WITH YOU...
WOULD YOU PER CHANCE BE WILLING TO LET US GO?
YOU ARE CURRENTLY AT A DISADVANTAGE SO THIS IS FAR FROM THE OPTIMAL TIME TO BE FACING US
.....

LIKE HELL I'LL LET YOU TWO GO, YOU MUTTS!
MAKI ...
YEAH
I WON'T LET A SINGLE ONE OF THEM GET AWAY
JUST HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE YOU EATEN?
EVEN IF YOU'VE ONLY EATEN ONE I DON'T PLAN ON LETTING YOU GO AT ALL

NEE-CHAN!
IF " HE"

HAD TO DIE EVEN THOUGH "HE" HADN'T KILLED ANYONE
THEN YOU INUGAMI POSSESSIONS DESERVE TO DIE EVEN MORE SO

KU KU KU ...
I TOLD YOU, DIDN'T I, KOUGEN ?
THERE IS NO NEGOTIATING WITH THEM
THEY DO NOT THINK OF US AS "HUMAN," AFTER ALL
COME, "INUGAMI SOLDIERS" !!
HYUU

WHOEVER I ATTACK IS BOUND TO BECOME ONE OF MY LOYAL SERVANTS WITHOUT FAIL
THAT IS TO SAY THAT THEY BECOME A PART OF MY OWN PERSONAL ARMY
NOW, BEHEAD THAT WOMAN!!
MAKI... YOU SHOULD RETREAT UNTIL I GET THERE
.....
KUKUKU... HEY, YUZURI

ダダダ
MAKI!
YOU BETTER HURRY OR THERE WON'T BE ANY PREY LEFT!!
"HI"
I'LL JUST GO ALL OUT RIGHT FROM THE START!
"FU... MI"!

ズズ…
"YO…"
!
"IMUNA
…" !
"YA…"
KO…-
TO!

I'LL BURN YOU ALL TO ASH

INUNAKA KUON- RYUU OUTER GAUGING NAGINATA STRIKE - FOXFIRE MOON!
HAA!
LOOKS LIKE I DON'T EVEN HAVE TO SUPPRESS 'EM!
AAAH
OOOAH

YOU'RE GONNA FIGHT ME NEXT, RIGHT?
I'VE GOT PLENTY OF ENERGY LEFT
PLENTY OF ENERGY LEFT YOU SAY?
KUKUL
I SEE, HOW EXCELLENT
ズズズ…
!?

ズズズ…
OH... UUU... OH
ボロ…
OOUOO
OOH ...
ワナワナ…
WHAT?!
WE SAW YOU FIGHT ALONGSIDE YOUR COMRADES ONCE BEFORE AND WE JUST CANNOT ALLOW YOU TO JUST INSTANTLY ANNIHILATE OUR BRETHREN AS WE HAVE SEEN YOU DO
AS SUCH, I HAD KOUGEN MAKE THEM A LITTLE STURDIER
SO DO BE AWARE THAT THEIR REGENERATIVE ABILITIES ARE BY NO MEANS NORMAL
TSK

ALL OF YOU REALLY ARE NOTHING BUT PAINS THE ASSES, HUH!!
I'LL REDUCE YOU ALL TO CINDERS!!
OH... THAT "FLAME" IS RATHER TROUBLE-SOME, SO
KOUGEN... IF YOU WOULD
UNDER-STOOD

!?
水剋火
THE FLAME'S BEEN ...
.....!?
WHAT I PLACED ON YOU WAS THE GOGYO SOKOKU
TALISMAN OF WATER. AS WATER SUBDUES FIRE, I WAS able TO SEAL YOUR FLAME WITH IT...
AND WHAT WITH A RIVER BEING NEARBY, IT IS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE
WHA...

TL NOTE: "GOGYO SHOKU" OR "RIVALRY OF THE FIVE ELEMENTS"

MAKI... YOU'RE AT TOO MUCH OF A DISADVANTAGE! YOU MUST RETREAT!!
TSK...
SHOULD I RETREAT THEN?
YO... YOU... OKAY WITH THAT?
ARE YOU... JUST GOING TO LET THEM GO?
.....!

EVEN THOUGH... HE, YOUR VERY OWN LITTLE BROTHER... WAS... KILLED BY OTHERS LIKE THEM
YOU'RE GOING TO JUST... LET THEM... GO?
NEE-CHAN ...
THAT'S NOT WHAT I-
NEE... CHA-
RELEASE ME FROM THIS SACRED... SHRINE ROPE...
GIVE... ME... YOUR... BODY...
HAA...
AND I'LL... KILL... ALL... OF THEM... FOR... YOU
NEE.. CHA...N
HAA...
SHUT THE FUCK UUUP!
ぎり...

DON'T PUSH YOUR LUCK, MONGREL!!
I'LL DO IT...
I'LL SHOW YOU
MAKI !!
HOLD ON...
I'LL SUPPRESS ALL OF THEM BY MYSELF...

IT'S NO USE, HIS WOUND HAS ALREADY CLOSED UP...
IF SHE DOESN'T DEAL THEM A MORE DAMAGING BLOW, SHE WON'T BE ABLE TO SUPPRESS THEM
TSK
NOT TO MENTION, THEY ARE SEEING RIGHT THROUGH HER MOVES...
THIS IS BAD...
KUKU ... YOUR MOVEMENTS ARE BECOMING MORE CRUDE
TAKE THIS!

GUPU...
WONDEFUL, APPREHEND HER
AND CRUSH HER LEGS
MAKI!
BE SILENT A WHILE ...
ぼと

ドス
ドス
ドス
UGUU ...
GEHOO
ズン
DAMN... IT
YOU BASTARDS ...
ガ!!

I DO NOT DISLIKE HEADSTRONG WOMEN, I WILL HAVE YOU KNOW
AND IT IS FOR THAT REASON THAT YOU ARE ONLY WORTH CRIPPLING ...
KUKUKU
WHAT YOU ARE EXPERIENCING NOW IS THE RESULT OF OUR TAKING MEASURES AGAINST YOU INUGAMI WHO ARE OUR NATURAL ENEMIES
SHI-
SHIT... SHIIIT!!

IT HAS BEEN MANY MOONS SINCE I LAST DEVOURED A WOMAN'S BREASTS
THE WOMEN THAT HANEMARU BRINGS WITH HIM ARE NOT TO MY LIKING, YOU SEE
AH...
UUUUUU-UUUUU-UUUU!!
KUU...
ARE YOU TREMBLING? IT FEELS MOST PLEASANT TO ME...
HERE I GO THEN... IT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTERESTS IF YOU CLENCHED YOUR TEETH ...

!?
REINFORCE-
MENTS?!
OH?!

……!?
WHAT IS THIS ?!
ズ!
!
TSK

YOU BITCH... YOU'RE THE ONE FROM BEFORE!!
……

SA...
KUYA
?!

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